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Zvilli quits party post

By SARAH HONIG

Labor Party secretary-general Nissim Zvilli yesterday tendered his resignation to new party chairman Ehud Barak, who accepted it in a terse meeting.

Barak will soon decide if he wants a new secretary-general at all. Barak began his first day of business, as party chief still in his campaign office suite in Ramat Gan, Barak will move into the party headquarters on Tel Aviv's Rehov Hayarkon Sunday.

Zvilli had announced in advance of the Labor leadership primary that he would resign as soon as a new chairman was elected.

Zvilli was instrumental in bringing Barak into Labor less than two years ago, but their relations had soured considerably, especially after Zvilli orchestrated the campaign to appoint Shimon Peres to the specially created role of party president.

Zvilli advised Barak not to do away with the secretary-general's post, but Barak listened without reacting.

Nissim Zvilli
 (Ariel Jeruzolimski)

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Burial cave protest
 Haredim hold aloft a mock coffin marked 'Theodor Herzl' in Jerusalem's Mea She'arim section yesterday, to protest archeological excavations of burial caves at Rantis, near Petah Tikva. The estimated 25,000 demonstrators blocked traffic in the capital for several hours. (Brian Hender)

Levy slams 'Allon-Plus' plan

By JAY BUSHINSKY and LIAT COLLINS

In a sudden burst of dissent, Foreign Minister David Levy yesterday assailed the "Allon-Plus" plan as a premature disclosure made without prior consultation with other cabinet ministers, and publicized despite the "damage" it could cause Israel's negotiating stance.

Interviewed by Dan Semama on Channel 1's *Mabat* news, Levy said no map has been drawn and no proposal adopted by the cabinet.

"There may be preliminary

embryonic ideas, but there is no cabinet decision," he said, adding that the ministers are still in the early stages of discussion of "a very serious subject," the impending final-status talks.

"Many of the ministers do not

cept. "As long as these ideas have not crystallized and the deliberations still are in their earliest stage, circulation of these notions only can cause harm."

He contended that the various aspects have not yet been weighed and therefore there is no ministerial consensus.

Asked about his personal position, Levy replied: "You won't hear it here. There is a [cabinet] table where the matters most vital to the state are determined and where our most essential interests are considered."

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have a clue about this proposal," he said, noting that undoubtedly each one has a position and a con-

Missing family sought near Jericho

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH and Itim

Intelligence sources reported last night at midnight that a missing Jerusalem wedding party had been traced to an Arab village in the Jericho area. Police were reported in contact with the Palestinian Authority.

Police and IDF troops had been searching throughout the evening for the Pell family from Jerusalem, after they failed to arrive for a son's wedding, to have taken place at Moshav Hazorim near Tiberias.

Eli and Claudine Pell, their son, Uri, who was to get married, and two of his friends were last seen

leaving Jerusalem at noon yesterday.

When they failed to arrive for the wedding ceremony, worried relatives contacted police to inquire if there had been any traffic accidents.

Judea and Samaria police spokesman Opher Sivan said the family left Jerusalem and drove through the Jordan Valley. "They were supposed to have gone via Kibbutz Lavie and pick up someone else on their way to the wedding," he said.

Jewish Agency Chairman Abraham Burg, a relative of the Pell family, told Israel Radio that everyone was trying to remain calm and was relying on the security forces to investigate.

Arieh O'Sullivan contributed to this report.

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Sting to join Sinead for J'lem concert

By DAVID BRINN

Who says rock stars are no longer politically active? Sting is likely to join Sinead O'Connor later this month in a gala concert to promote a joint Israeli-Palestinian project calling for the establishment of a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital.

"The aim of the concert is to raise people's consciousness of the Jerusalem Link and its project, Sharing Jerusalem," said the project's associate producer, Gina Benevento, yesterday.

The concert, slated for June 21 at Sultan's Pool, outside Jerusalem's Old City, is funded by the European Community, the Ford Foundation, the Danish Embassy, and the French, Belgian, Swedish, and Spanish consulates.

The Jerusalem Link - Israeli and Palestinian women working for peace - was founded in 1994 by Bat Shalom and its Palestinian counterpart, the Jerusalem Center for Women.

Spurred by the mantra, "Two capitals for two states," Sharing Jerusalem is the pet project of Bat Shalom, which describes itself as a feminist center for peace and social justice aiming to work toward a democratic and pluralistic society in Israel.

The project has included art exhibitions by Israelis and Palestinians, and tours of Jerusalem which emphasize coexistence, but the concert is its first major effort at widespread exposure.

O'Connor, who just released a CD dedicated in part to the people of Israel and which displays a Magen David, will perform with Palestinian and Israeli musicians.

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NEWS

in brief

Palestinian spy sentenced to prison

A Palestinian who formerly collaborated with the General Security Service was convicted yesterday of spying on behalf of Palestinian intelligence, contacting a foreign agent, and conspiring to commit a crime. The Haifa District Court sentenced the man, whose identity is secret, to six years' imprisonment, 39 months of which were suspended for three years after his release from jail. The judges said the relatively light sentence was the result of a plea bargain, which took into account the defendant's seven years of helping the GSS.

Iim

Grapes of Wrath panel to meet

The Grapes of Wrath monitoring group is to convene in Nakoura on Sunday to review complaints from both Israel and Lebanon over the deaths of three people in explosions in south Lebanon this week. Brig.-Gen. David Tzur said yesterday that Israel had submitted a complaint to the five-nation body regarding the death of a Lebanese civilian who was killed Wednesday by a Hizbullah bomb. Lebanon wants the committee to examine its complaint of Hizbullah activists being wounded in explosions it blames on Israel.

Military officials expressed dismay at the Lebanese complaint, since it involved an incident in which Hizbullah people were injured, which is not a violation of the Grapes of Wrath ceasefire agreement.

Arieh O'Sullivan

Six injured in road accidents

Two drivers were injured, one seriously, in a head-on collision last night between a van and a car near Achziv in the western Galilee. The car had swerved out of its lane and hit the van; its driver was seriously hurt. The van driver suffered light to moderate injuries.

Four people were injured, one seriously, in an afternoon collision between two cars near the Umm el-Fahm junction in Wadi Ara.

Iim

Angry ULA members blockade PM's home

Members of the Union of Local Authorities yesterday morning blocked the street in the Beit Hakerem section of Jerusalem in which Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu lives.

The move came after he has refused to meet with them for more than four weeks to discuss the crisis in funding local government. They drove up to his home in dozens of cars, stopped them in the middle of the street, and walked to his house to force him to talk to them.

After about half an hour, they were informed he would meet with them later in the day, and they drove off.

Jerusalem Post Staff

PA A-G resigns

By JON IMMANUEL

Palestinian Authority Attorney-General Khalid al-Kidrah resigned yesterday on grounds of ill-health. This was the second resignation of a senior PA official in two weeks.

The 65-year-old lawyer, who has suffered from health problems, denied Israel Radio reports that there were corruption charges against him, saying "I persuaded President Arafat to let me resign."

The corruption suspicions stem from a report by the auditor-general in PA Chairman Yasser Arafat's office, which is said to name five ministers as especially wasteful with their budgets. Arafat yesterday also officially ordered a board of inquiry to come up with recommendations concerning the allegations raised in the report compiled by his cousin Janar Qudwa, the PA news agency Wafa announced.

Kidrah's resignation also comes shortly after the resignation of Tourism Minister and Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij on health grounds. However, Freij made clear that the decision to quit was not initiated by him and he resigned after a personal slight by Arafat.

Copies of the auditor's report have not yet been made available even to members of the legislative council, according to Kadoura Faris, a member from Ramallah. But the feeling is that, since Arafat initiated the audit in the first place, his intention is to use it as a means of changing the composition of his cabinet to win more popular support.

A recent poll by the Jerusalem Media and Communications Center showed Arafat's own popularity had dropped sharply to under 40 percent for the first time, and that public perception of widespread corruption had increased.

'Optimistic' el-Baz leaves US

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - Egypt's presidential adviser Osama el-Baz returned to Cairo yesterday, after reviewing with National Security Adviser Sandy Berger and other American officials a package to lure Israel and the Palestinians back to the negotiating table.

An Egyptian official said el-Baz left "optimistic" about the chances of the package crystallizing and being accepted by Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, and said el-Baz believes "we can reach something in the near future, perhaps in 10 days or two weeks."

Citing the sensitivity of the talks, the official would not elaborate, beyond stating that the ultimate package necessitated an Israeli commitment to a settlement freeze, with

Har Homa remaining the "central issue."

Israel would also have to reiterate its promise to accelerate the building of Palestinian housing in Jerusalem, although the official called that component "not enough."

He also denied an Israeli television report that el-Baz had urged the US to send special Middle East coordinator Dennis Ross back to the region for another round of shuffling, or that he told the Americans that Cairo is prepared to walk away from its current mediation role.

"Yes, we intend to continue playing a role," he said. "Osama was in Israel five times. He is talking to both sides, getting the parties to see what they can do. But we are not trying to press anybody to do anything: Yasser Arafat, the PA, nobody. We are trying to see how we can resolve this problem,

assuming there is a will.

"We're trying to see what the Israelis can offer, what the Palestinians can accept. But we have no talking points, no package deal. [El-Baz] will go back to Cairo, then will go to Israel [another] five times if there is a need."

A possible summit hosted by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak for Netanyahu and Arafat would not be held to close a deal, but only to announce one that was already reached, the official said.

Asked by reporters about Netanyahu's reported final-status plans, State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said the US is "intrigued" by his remarks, but has not seen the plans and is therefore in a position of "not really knowing if there is a change in policy or if there is a manifesto or a blueprint that one can look at."

Meanwhile, Miguel Moratinos, the EU's

special envoy to the Middle East, was due to arrive here last night for meetings with US officials. Moratinos met Mubarak and Arafat in Cairo earlier in the week.

Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak held separate meetings here yesterday with his retiring counterpart, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. John Shalikashvili, Secretary of Defense William Cohen, and Ross.

An Israeli official said the talks centered on the peace process stalemate but did not include the PA's implication in the attempted kidnapping of a suspected Arab land dealer last weekend.

Also yesterday, the Pentagon announced that Cohen is to visit Gulf Cooperation Council leaders and American troops next week in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, the UAE, and Oman.

ANALYSIS

Signs show Syria, Israel near dialogue

By JAY BUSHINSKY

Israeli and Syrian policymakers apparently share a common objective - resumption of their truncated diplomatic dialogue - but differ as to whether the bilateral peace talks should pick up from where they left off or make a fresh start.

Evidence of Damascus's interest in negotiations could be detected in Vice President Abdel-Halim Khaddam's appeal to Israel to facilitate a new dialogue.

The influential and authoritative Syrian official proposed a new approach to the stymied peace process when he publicly urged Israel to "reexamine its policy and considerations so that it will be possible to conduct practical deliberations on the peace process."

Khaddam spoke after a meeting in Beirut yesterday with Lebanese President Elias Hrawi.

"This is an unusual and interesting statement," said Itamar Rabinovich, the former ambassador to the US, who led Israel's delegation to the marathon negotiations with the Syrians at Maryland's Wye Plantation. These talks were suspended in March 1996.

"The tone is less strident than the one used by the Syrians when they were disappointed by Israel's positions," Rabinovich said. "But it is a lonely statement. We have to see what follows - whether it is part of a tactic or whether it fits into a larger context."

Rabinovich pointed to contacts between Israeli and Syrian representatives that took place after the peace talks lapsed. He cited the negotiations that led to a cease-fire agreement in Lebanon, which he signed on Israel's behalf



Syrian Vice President Abdel-Halim Khaddam (left) speaks to reporters as Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri looks on after their meeting in Baabda yesterday.

(Reuters)

in July 1996.

He also referred to the intermittent contacts which took place subsequently. "While the government of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu was in office, as well as the Jerusalem-Damascus shuttles undertaken by various go-betweens," among them Spain's Miguel Moratinos, the European

Union's peace envoy.

After conferring with Syrian and Israeli officials in Damascus and Jerusalem, Moratinos briefed their Egyptian counterparts and proceeded to Washington to update his American counterpart, Dennis Ross.

Diplomatic sources in Tel Aviv contend that one of the underlying

difficulties in advancing along the Syrian-Israeli track is Damascus's penchant for "prenegotiating" - an allusion to its preference for clandestine bargaining that turns the formal negotiating arena into a formal venue bereft of debate or exchanges of views.

The sources credited the Netanyahu government with hav-

ing agreed to reopen the bilateral talks "unconditionally," implying that this could be Israel's way of letting Syria take whatever opening position it wishes.

They described the main stumbling block at this stage as the lack of an agreed agenda, contending that if it were overcome, the dialogue might resume.

BACKGROUND

'Allon-Plus' - A rejected plan is resurrected

By HERB KEINON

Twenty years after the Likud first swept into power and began a settlement drive designed in part to render the Allon Plan obsolete, another Likud prime minister has fundamentally adopted the proposal - and called it "Allon-Plus."

The irony of Binyamin Netanyahu's Allon-Plus, unveiled Wednesday at the inner cabinet meeting, is twofold. Netanyahu is now embracing a plan previously anathema to the Likud, and the plan, which was official Labor Party policy for some two decades, has since been rejected by many in Allon's own party as not going far enough.

The Allon Plan, presented by

Yigal Allon to the cabinet in July 1967, was drawn up just weeks after the Six Day War. Its guiding principle was that Israel would retain about one-third of the West Bank, deemed necessary for security purposes.

Under the plan, Israel would protect itself from future invasion from the east by a ribbon of settlements and military installations along 10-15 kilometers wide about the Jordan Valley. The densely Palestinian populated mountain ridge west of this ribbon to the Green Line, however, would not be settled, in the hope this area would someday be confederated with Jordan.

In addition, a strip of land flanking the Jericho-Jerusalem

road, as well as Gush Etzion and much of the Hebron Hills area, would be annexed. The plan also envisioned minor territorial changes along the Green Line, specifically in the Latrun area. It also called for the development of Jewish neighborhoods in east Jerusalem, and the rehabilitation and population of the Old City's Jewish Quarter.

Allon also called for Gaza to become an integral part of Israel - because it is an easy route for invading armies - but only after refugees from the Gaza Strip were rehabilitated elsewhere.

After Menachem Begin took power, the government's settlement policy was guided not by the Allon Plan, but by a plan put for-

ward by Matiyahu Drobles, then head of the World Zionist Organization's settlement division. The essence of this plan was to shift building settlements from the sparsely populated areas along the Jordan River to the densely populated mountain range. Between 1977 and 1981, Begin's first term, the Likud put up 20 settlements in areas considered off-limits by the Allon Plan.

Although there were times when the Allon Plan was widely accepted in Israel, it was rejected out of hand by the Arabs.

Historian Howard Sachar, in the second volume of his *History of Israel*, writes: "...the Allon Plan evoked little interest in the Arab world, even from King Hussein of

Jordan, normally the most moderate of Arab leaders. As Hussein observed in a private meeting with Abba Eban in London in 1969, the formula still would have left Israel in possession on nearly one-quarter of the West Bank - however barren and underpopulated - as well as of Arab East Jerusalem. Such a map, explained the king, would have been politically unacceptable in the eyes of his people and the Arab world."

Netanyahu's Allon-Plus, which would put several settlement blocs in Israeli hands that were not so envisioned under the original plan, places even more land under Israeli sovereignty than was the case when Hussein spoke to Eban.

ZVILLI

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There are reports from those around Barak that he might take another leaf out of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's book and appoint a director-general for Labor. The new post would be that of a hired administrator, rather than an elected position. Hiring a director-general would signal his intention to downgrade the party's role.

If the secretary-general's post is not discontinued, then MKs Ra'anan Cohen, Haggai Meron, and Ori Orr, former MK Eli Dayan, and Gershon Gelman, secretary-general of the Tel Aviv Workers Council, will be vying for the job.

Barak was visited by Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed Bassiouny, who expressed satisfaction with the Labor platform and expressed confidence that Barak "could further the peace process."

Barak has not yet set up an

appointment with Yossi Beilin, the primary runner-up. Around Barak, there was no hiding the displeasure triggered by Beilin's demand for the No. 2 position in the Labor hierarchy and for his hints that he will set up a dovish faction within the party.

Instead, Barak spoke to his own loyalists yesterday. He spent over an hour on the phone with MK Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, and met with MK Uzi Baran. Baran advised Barak to set up a 12-member leadership team.

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In yesterday's Chance drawings, the winning cards were the ace of spades, 9 of hearts, jack of diamonds, and 9 of clubs, and the jack of spades, jack of hearts, 7 of diamonds, and 8 of clubs.

In yesterday's Peysa Hazak draw, ticket number 425583 on the NIS 1 million prize, while ticket number 578555 won a car. Tickets 076315, 758842, 509701, 163555, 206923, 403122, 593097, and 729996 won NIS 5,000. Tickets ending in 22485, 47059, 51375, 77549, 92986, 53780, 15511, 60529, 98835, 91514, 71441, 01416, 38045, 51483, 08952, 72370, 85963, 82801, and 93376 won NIS 1,000.

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US, Israel conclude strategic dialogue

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Israel and the United States ended their biannual strategic talks yesterday, with Israel outlining its links with Turkey, Jordan, and other countries.

According to a Defense Ministry statement, the two sides spent a good deal of time during the two-day dialogue discussing regional terrorism and efforts by Iran to arm itself, particularly with long-range missiles and non-conventional weapons. They also discussed assessments of the region.

Working teams presented reports on joint exercises, logistics, and other areas of cooperation between the defense establishments of the two countries. Israel and the US also discussed Washington's

promise to maintain the IDF's "qualitative edge" and ways to keep this edge over the years.

The atmosphere at the talks was said to be "very good" and the Israeli representatives, led by David Ivry, special adviser to Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, bid adieu to his US counterpart, Assistant Secretary of State Ted MacNamara, who will be stepping down. US Ambassador to Israel Martin Indyk also participated in the talks.

Diplomatic sources said the US and Israel see eye to eye on the potential military threat posed by Iran to all of its neighboring states, with the possible exception of Pakistan. They noted that the Taliban Islamic extremists ordered the closure of the Iranian Embassy in Kabul, evidently

because of Teheran's support for dissident Shi'ite factions in Afghanistan. The Taliban movement subscribes to the Sunni denomination of Islam.

Iran was described as a threat to the former Soviet republics of Central Asia, the Arab emirates of the Persian Gulf, Saudi Arabia, and Israel. Also taken into account was Iran's ongoing logistical support for Lebanon's Hizbullah guerrillas.

There was a consensus on the need to maintain economic sanctions against Iran and Iraq and a clear understanding that Israel is adhering to the ban on direct or indirect arms sales to the Teheran regime. This is in line with a commitment made by the late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and stringently upheld, the sources said.



Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani (left) shakes hands with Artur Yisraelovitch, against whom he testified yesterday. (Israel Sun)

Prosecutor halts Kahalani testimony in Yisraelovitch trial

By RAINE MARCUS and Itim

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani yesterday appeared in Tel Aviv District Court as a prosecution witness in the trial of Artur Yisraelovitch, the former Histadrut treasurer charged with fraud and breach of trust.

But the prosecution stopped his testimony in the middle, on the grounds that it might damage the "honor of the Israeli government."

Kahalani first answered most of the prosecution's questions, and said that while he was chairman of Yisrael Kessar's campaign to be reelected Histadrut

chairman, he still received a salary from the Amal schools and drove a Histadrut-owned vehicle.

"These are the norms in political life," said Kahalani. "Often vehicles and other benefits are used for personal purposes."

Yisraelovitch's lawyer Avraham Landstein said he

would write to the attorney-general questioning these "norms" and argued that his client only behaved accordingly. Landstein also said he would request Kahalani's investigation.

Landstein's line of defense has been that Yisraelovitch behaved according to the accepted norms and did not break the law.

Ben-Ari remanded five more days

By RAINE MARCUS

Following a marathon two-day hearing, a Petah Tikva Magistrate's Court judge yesterday remanded businessman Zvi Ben-Ari (formerly known as Gregory Lerner) for a further five days.

Police believe Ben-Ari is one of the heads of the Russian underworld here and is responsible for the murder of a banker in Russia, conspiring to kill another, and defrauding Russian banks of \$85 million. Police also wish to investigate whether Ben-Ari bribed civil ser-

vants or donated money to politicians. Channel 2 last night showed excerpts of an interview with Ben-Ari prior to his arrest, in which he said he supports the Likud Party and had been present at conferences with certain politicians.

For the time being police have frozen their investigation into the murder in Russia, mainly due to a lack of cooperation from their Russian counterparts. Russian police, several of whom have been murdered while investigating the underworld's activities, apparently fear retribution if they forward information which can

incriminate Ben-Ari. Ben-Ari, who has been in custody for a month, refuses to cooperate with investigators.

As in previous hearings, the

courtroom where Ben-Ari appeared was heavily guarded and a helicopter was deployed, following information that his associates might try to effect his escape.



Ya'acov Ne'eman (Israel Herald)

Ne'eman testifies for Olmert

By RAINE MARCUS

The defense counsel for Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert produced a surprise final witness in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday, former justice minister Ya'acov Ne'eman.

Olmert's lawyer, Yigal Arnon, apparently called Ne'eman without the knowledge of the prosecution, so the latter would not be prepared for cross-examination. By law defense attorneys do not have to inform the prosecution of their witnesses in advance.

Olmert is charged with obtaining donations from organizations and then issuing invoices declaring the funds were contributed for advertising purposes, when he was Likud treasurer during the 1988 elections.

Ne'eman was then an adviser to the Likud. Moshe Arens had asked Ne'eman to be the external auditor for the party's donations, and Ne'eman said Arens insisted at the time that Olmert was not responsible for invoices of donors.

What's on at the Festival

ירושלים

Jerusalem Theater
 Shevot - Roosevelt theater, *Macbeth*, tomorrow, 9 p.m.
 Henry Crown - Tafelmusik baroque ensemble, tomorrow, 9:15 p.m.
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 Northern Stage - *Animal Farm*, tomorrow, 9:30 p.m.
 Plaza - Bohemian saxophones, from the Czech Republic, tomorrow, 9 p.m.
 Little Theater - Nostalgic and international songs, tomorrow, 9 p.m.
 Foyer - Jerusalem Jazz Band, tomorrow, 11:45 p.m.
 Gerald Behar - *Shiva Showshow* today, 3 and tomorrow 9 p.m.
 Jerusalem International Conference Center - World music, Omar Faruk Tekbilek, tomorrow, 9 p.m.
 Domination Abbey - organist Dorothy de Rooij, tomorrow, 9 p.m.
 Targ - Anniversary concert, today, 11 a.m.
 Hangar, Talpiot - theater, *Arab Dream*, tomorrow, 9 p.m.

Trumpeter Roy Hargrove got off the plane Tuesday night and jazz fans at the festival got a treat, Hargrove and his quintet held a jam session in the foyer, four hours of it. Then he signed autographs. Later on Wednesday, he toured Jerusalem and signed more autographs. Yesterday, he went to the Old City. Last night, his sold-out concert was a smash hit.

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A plus for Netanyahu

With the presentation of his final-status principles this week to the security cabinet, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has come out of the ideological closet: he supports territorial compromise. If there was any doubt, Netanyahu's characterization of his plan as "Allon-Plus" seals the matter. On the eve of final-status negotiations, the Dayan-Peres-Begin camp bites the dust: the Allon-Rabin-Netanyahu-Barak camp emerges victorious.

Yigal Alon was the charismatic leader of the legendary Palmah fighters in the War of Independence. In 1967, as deputy prime minister, Alon unveiled his plan for territorial compromise: annex the Jordan Valley, Gush Etzion, an expanded Jerusalem, and the corridor leading to it.

At the time, the PLO barely existed and it was assumed that the Palestinian entity would be an adjunct of Jordan. Now, 30 years later, 120,000 Jewish settlers have established themselves in Judea and Samaria, while the Oslo Accords have committed Israel and the Palestinians to recognize each other's "mutual legitimate and political rights." As a result of these trends over the past generation, Israel has tightened its ties to chunks of the land, while the Palestinians have sunk roots into their claims to sovereignty. The casualty of this process has been the competing school within Israeli thinking — the school of integration rather than separation.

The integrationist school began with Moshe Dayan, who, though he spent his life fighting the Arabs, spoke Arabic and hoped to meld Israel into its region through ties built on mutual respect. Dayan's protégé, Shimon Peres, continued in this tradition with his much-derided vision of a "new Middle East," in which Israel and the Arab world would move toward becoming one economic bloc.

Peres and Yitzhak Rabin, besides being political rivals, continued this ideological battle. For Rabin, the key to peace was separation ("taking Gaza out of Tel Aviv"); for Peres, separation represented the opposite of true peace, in which two peoples can live together in harmony in the same land.

Menachem Begin, though he came from the opposite side of the political spectrum, had more in common with the integrationists than the separatists. When he presented his autonomy plan to the Knesset in 1977, he said the competing claims to sovereignty were irreconcilable.

"There is only one way," argued Begin, "to agree that the question of sovereignty remain open, and to deal with the people, the peoples." In other words, functional, rather than territorial compromise was the solution.

Until recently, Netanyahu's allegiances were unclear, but he seemed, as did Begin, to reject separation as a solution to the conflict. Before his election, he spoke of enhanced autonomy — essentially "Begin-Plus." As prime minister, he repeatedly argued that pure nationalism, in which every people must have its own nation, is a recipe for disaster and conflict.

Netanyahu's first foray into describing a future Palestinian entity was back in November, when he mused over "the model of a state like

Puerto Rico or Andorra," while stating that, "It is not correct that the choice is between unrestrained self-determination on the one hand, and occupation and military repression on the other." The Hebron agreement, complete with its commitment to Oslo's three further withdrawals, was an indication that Netanyahu was moving in the direction of territorial compromise. But this was all part of the interim agreement, leaving open the possibility that, in the final status talks, he would tack back in a different direction.

Though Netanyahu denies that the maps published in the press represent his proposals, this would seem to reflect tactics, not strategy. It is not a particular map that represents a watershed here: it is that maps are being discussed at all — because maps mean territorial compromise.

As usual with Netanyahu, he has attempted to drown what may be a significant turning point with rhetoric directed toward his right wing. The most significant elements of the plan are not the principles he listed — expanding Jerusalem, annexing settlement blocs, retaining control over the Jordan Valley and water sources — but the ones that were left out: opposition to a Palestinian state and to abandoning any settlements.

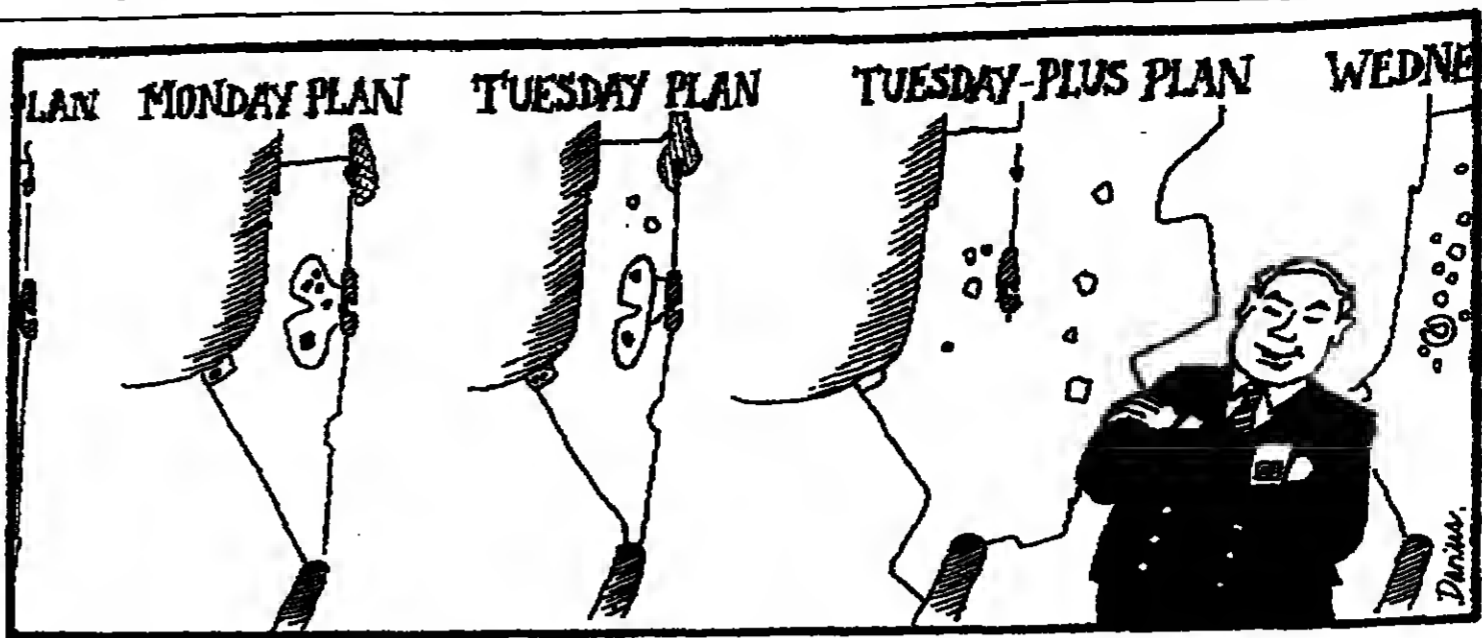
Almost every step Netanyahu has made in the Palestinians' direction has been with his back toward them, and his eyes toward his right wing. For example, his government's commitment not to build any new settlements was hidden in Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai's Knesset testimony, rather than announced in a high-profile way. Instead of packaging such conciliatory steps to maximize international credit and Palestinian goodwill, he hides them as much as possible, as if he is afraid of losing his status as a hard-line right-winger.

It is time for a switch. Instead of being an overt right-winger and a covert moderate, Netanyahu should play up his moderate side, while explaining to his right that this is the best way to build the credibility necessary, to hold the line where it counts.

In fact, the opening of internal final-status discussions is a long overdue nod to neither the right-wing nor the Palestinians, but to the broad center of Israelis. This broad center has, over time, been convinced that territorial compromise is the only hope for peace — though many are not necessarily convinced that it will work, only that it must be tried.

Netanyahu is to be commended for beginning to build a consensus within Israel on basic final-status principles. Though both are trying their best to hide it, Netanyahu and Labor's new leader Ehud Barak are in substantial agreement on these principles. Barak says that he will back Netanyahu whenever the government is in sync with Labor. Netanyahu should call Barak's bluff on this, and develop whatever final-status principles they can agree upon. Both sides may think they have more to gain by accentuating their differences, but the public may surprise them.

Sometimes, what is good for the country can also be good politics.



Uncontrollable damage ahead

JOSEPH ALPHER

The main problem with the conversion bill is neither religious nor communal. In terms of the vital interests of both Israel and the American Jewish community, the problem is strategic.

The political-religious debate over the issue is not likely to be productive. It is not the arguments over the quality of Reform conversion that will alter the stand of religious MKs. Nor will the claim that the proposed legislation is designed merely to institutionalize the status quo, or that it preserves a status acceptable to most Israelis, persuade American Jews to desist in their protests.

Even if the reaction of American Jewry to the conversion bill appears extreme to many in Israel, that reaction is now a fact of life; and it will double and triple in intensity if the law passes on second and third reading.

At the heart of American Jewish anger is the Knesset's involvement.

When a chief rabbi of Israel or a council of rabbinical sages pronounces on the conversion question, American Jews remain indifferent.

But when the Knesset — that epitome of Jewish sovereignty, the majority of whose members are nonreligious Jews — determines that Reform/Conservative conversion is not Jewish enough, then American Jews understand that the State of Israel is casting doubt upon their rabbis and, accordingly, upon the Jewish communities those rabbis serve.

Those communities are American Jewry's most fundamental organizational and legitimizing framework, which explains the depth of their protest.

An MK who supports the proposed law — whether out of inter-

nal conviction or because of coalition constraints — must weigh its serious consequences upon Israel's relationship with its most veteran, natural and steadfast strategic ally: the American Jewish community.

Jewish identity: For many American Jews, particularly those with a tendency toward assimilation, support for Israel remains one of the last elements defining their Jewishness. Passage of the law will damage this support seriously, distancing Jews yet further from their Jewish milieu and reducing the size of the Jewish people.

Money: True, we in Israel now have less money; indeed, we may oo longer need it at all.

But the American refusal to contribute to Israel has already begun — not as part of a planned and controlled attempt to define a healthier basis for Israeli-American Jewish relations, but as a protest against the conversion bill. And this protest is a signal to the administration and to Congress that American Jewish voters' support for Israel isn't what it used to be.

Strategic-political support: Accordingly, American Jewry is reacting to the conversion bill by reducing its support for Israel's political positions. The signal to Congress and the administration is: It's okay to pressure Israel and

thus gets translated into damage to Israel's strategic alliance with the US. And we don't have a surplus of strategic allies.

Israel's deterrent profile: Our Arab and Iranian neighbors see the link between Israel and American Jewry as an integral part of our overall deterrent profile. Israel has strong friends in America, and through them it exercises considerable influence.

Thus damage to Israel's strategic bond with US Jewry will erode one of the factors that cause some of our neighbors to make peace with us, to avoid war with us, and even to seek our friendship.

One cannot summarily dismiss recent arguments that the current furor was nurtured in part by ulterior motives: the desire on the part of American Jewish leftists to punish the Netanyahu government; an attempt to exercise influence from afar over the peace process by generating American political pressures on Israel; even

the ambitions harbored by Israel's tiny Reform and Conservative movements.

Rather, these claims have become irrelevant. We are confronting a grassroots American Jewish protest movement that has penetrated all levels of the community, regardless of political affiliation.

Significantly, the entire conversion affair began under the governments of Rabin and Peres, both of whom intended to pass the conversion law as part of their attempt to coordinate policy with the religious parties.

WHAT we are talking about, then, is an insensitivity to the most fundamental beliefs of American Jewry, and to the foundations of its strategic alliance with Israel, covering the spectrum of Israeli politics. Everyone is infected — left and right, secular and religious.

Unlike his predecessors, Binyamin Netanyahu had a proven record of successfully communicating with the American Jewish community. Yet he too tripped up when he signed his coalition's guidelines.

Today, an objective observer would like to believe that Netanyahu recognizes his mistake and is determined to prevent the anticipated strategic damage.

After all, didn't he state, on June 1 at the Hebrew University, that "the principles of pluralism... must apply in all strata of our life," that "they are essential to our... religious coexistence" and "the lifeblood of our civilization"?

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First, to Israel's strategic alliance with American Jewry — then to Israel's strategic alliance with the US

A society where no one feels left out

ALLAN E. SHAPIRO

There is a message for us in the recent Labor Party victory in Britain and in the Socialist triumph in France. Personal charisma isn't the whole story. Issues count; values have a place in political life.

It is time for the Likud to remember that its mass constituency is concentrated in the urban working-class neighborhoods.

Menachem Begin, for all his preoccupation with the major issue of the future of the territories, conceived of a massive housing program designed to eliminate urban slums in five years. In time, this developed into Project Renewal, in which physical construction was wedded to social goals of furthering communal self-organization.

The present Likud government has no policy on social issues, other than a desire to cut the budget. Binyamin Netanyahu just has no great interest in the subject. Monetary policy is the only domestic policy area of real importance for him. All the rest is a subject of bargaining in response to political pressures from his coalition allies.

How long will his personal charisma hold up? In the neighborhoods two decades ago, "Begin, Begin!" was the cry of the alienated, making their voice heard from outside the system. When Begin walked into a public hall, people rose from their seats without being asked to do so.

Netanyahu, even when he earns approval, rarely inspires confidence. Even after a year as prime minister, he remains very much an unknown quantity.

This is reflected in comments by friends and foes alike, and is the subject of queries by foreign diplomats.

Slowly, the realization is dawning that this is it: There is nothing hidden. What you see is what you get.

However, the major threat to Netanyahu's personal popularity lies in the conflict between his policies and the interests of his constituents. The emphasis on monetary restraints inevitably dampens economic activity. As this translates into increased unemployment, popular pressures will undoubtedly increase.

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The first step, with the leadership contest out of the way, should be a thorough reorganization of the Labor Party itself. The present party districts must be completely revamped. If there is justification for functional districts, like the moshav movement and the United Kibbutz Movement, alongside purely geographical districts, then there should also be districts for urban neighborhoods and development towns.

Most of all, Labor must present a new image as the opposition and alternative to the present government. Peace remains the overriding issue. However, the new Labor leadership must propose a coherent alternative on the social front as well.

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only widened social and economic gaps, pushing up the better-educated and skilled and leaving the lower levels of society substantially unchanged.

Economic growth is, therefore, not in itself a solution. Labor must find a way to bring the peripheral groups into the mainstream of society. It must present a program that will end the linkage of economic expansion and social cleavage.

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their faces, they march through Phuket's streets for a few hours, carrying images of the gods. Teams of supporters wipe off blood running from the wounds. Afterward, they return to the temples and the objects are extracted. Nurses disinfect the wounds, and ambulances are on standby to rush victims of shock to hospitals.

The aim of all this? To achieve good health and a peaceful state of mind.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE WORK OF THE WJRO

Sir, — The work of the World Jewish Restitution Organization to insure the due restitution of individual and communal Jewish assets lost during the Holocaust is extremely important and should be pursued vigorously. ("WJRO warns European states over Jewish assets," June 3.)

However, this goal should be pursued with eastern European nations including Poland, Romania and the Czech Republic, without subverting their possible inclusion in NATO — a structure essential to the stability of the entire world.

ABRAHAM FOXMAN National Director, ADL New York.

BARAK'S QUALIFICATIONS

Sir, — When I informed Ehud Barak a week ago of my support of his candidacy, my principal motive was his bright prospect of victory. The Labor movement cannot afford another failure; the sudden turn of fortune in 1996 brought the party close to mortal decline. This would have exposed the domestic balance to the hazard of eclipse.

The wide measure of Barak's victory brings a new figure into the forefront of our public life. He is a man of considerable analytical power, as all who listened to his carefully phrased reports to Knesset committees will testify. He surpasses his main adversary in all the essential attributes of leadership: precision of thought, lucidity of expression and a habit of author-

ity derived from long experience at the central decision-making tables. He is not a man for cupwiping sound-bites or other diseases of the television cult. He has faced triumph and tragedy without either of these contingencies undermining his tranquility of spirit.

He can be trusted to hold our nation's purpose steady to the common end. To have begun with an emphatic vote of public confidence will neither move Ehud Barak to ecstatic over-reaction nor lead him to ignore the limitations of his achievement.

To restore the public discourse to attitudes of sanity and prudence is a task worthy of his new opportunities.

ABBA EBAN Herziya.

HERBERT ZWEIFON Chairman, Americans for a Safe Israel New York.

My government has abandoned all pretext of principle or even-handedness in these negotiations. Indeed, if the process has broken down, Mr. Indyk and the US government share responsibility.

RENE MODIANO Rishon LeZion.

outstanding law going to protect, indeed encourage these dishonorable non-citizens of our state, these declared true enemies of Israel!

How much longer is the State of Israel going to put up with haredi fanaticism? How much longer are we, the people, going to tolerate crackpots who vilify us and calumniate with impunity every tenet of our democracy stands for? How much longer is an absurd,

US RESPONSIBILITY

Sir, — Your editorial of May 20 quite properly takes issue with statements by US Ambassador Indyk. His attempt to create moral equivalency between shedding Jewish blood on the one side and building homes on the other is outrageous.

It seems clear that PLO violations of agreements are never serious enough to deter the US from pushing forward in this peace process.

The PLO uses terror and gets off

the hook because of the need for "progress" in advancing the process. In fact, the US declaration of war against terrorism has not yet been launched in earnest because it is being held hostage to the Clinton administration's political goals in the Middle East.

Racist behavior that is abhorrent to most Americans — like the murder of Arabs for selling land to Jews — receives only a slap on the

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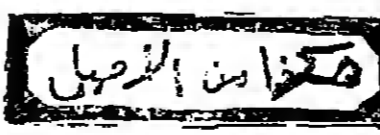
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Strife-torn Algeria holds peaceful vote

By ELAINE GANLEY

ALGIERS (AP) - With many saying they were voting for peace, Algerians cast ballots under heavy guard for a parliament yesterday. The vote came five years after the army canceled similar elections, triggering an Islamic insurgency.

Some 300,000 security forces were deployed around the country to guard against attacks by Moslem militants trying to sabotage the vote.

They stood watch at school houses in the capital, where voting stations were located, and deployed in the sunny streets.

Except for the military presence, there was no sign of the strife that has killed some 60,000 people since the January 1992 army coup that aborted the nation's first multiparty parliamentary vote to thwart a likely victory by the

Islamic Salvation Front.

Many of those encountered at polling stations, worn down by violence, said they were casting a vote for peace in this petroleum-rich North African nation.

Bombings in the capital "paralyze us. We're living in a veritable psychosis," said Amel, a 26-year-old doctor.

"I voted for change. We can't live like this anymore," said Amel, who like others questioned refused to give her full name, fearing reprisals by the military regime.

Amel said she cast her ballot for the Rally for Culture and Democracy, a fiercely anti-Islamic party with its base in Algeria's Berber country.

President Liamine Zeroual needed a large turnout among the 17 million eligible voters to ensure the aura of democracy he seeks through the new parliament, even

though its powers will be far less than the one that would have been elected in 1992.

The Interior Ministry said turnout was steady by the afternoon, registering 43% at 4 p.m.

But turnout in several Algiers polling stations looked sparse. Only 10 of 272 people registered at a women's polling station in the pro-Islamic neighborhood of Bab el-Oued voted by noon.

Initial estimated results were expected shortly after polls closed at 8 p.m., with final results expected late into the night.

Some 40 parties fielding 7,747 candidates were vying for 380 seats.

Voting was being monitored by some 240 international observers, here under the auspices of the United Nations, the Arab League and the Organization of African Unity.

But they were spread thin to watch 35,000 polling stations.

They were brought in to answer Zeroual's bid for a fair vote, following charges of fraud during a November referendum that changed the constitution to further strengthen presidential powers.

"What's the point of voting?" said Fatma, a 47-year-old woman with five children who lives with her family in a school where her mother is a janitor.

"Each time we vote, nothing changes. We only get death."



An Algerian woman registers to vote yesterday at a polling station in Algiers.

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Emotional appeal for McVeigh to die

DENVER (AP) - Prosecutors wound down their emotional bid to get the death penalty for Timothy McVeigh yesterday, with a surgeon describing how he amputated a woman's leg without anesthesia to free her from the rubble of the Oklahoma City bombing.

"Once I started cutting she started kicking and screaming," said Dr. James Sullivan, a professor of orthopedic surgery at the University of Oklahoma.

"She screamed, don't leave me, don't leave me, I'm going to die," he said. "It was gut wrenching." Prosecutors planned to wrap up their case yesterday in the sentencing phase of McVeigh's trial. The defense is then expected to call McVeigh's relatives to talk of his troubled past and ask that he be spared death by injection.

McVeigh, 29, was convicted Monday of murder and conspiracy charges in the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. The explosion killed 168 people and injured more than 500 in the worst act of terrorism in US history.

The jurors who convicted McVeigh will decide whether he should die by injection, or spend his life in prison.

Boat raises fear of N. Korean invasion

SEOUL (AP) - A North Korean patrol boat crossed the border yesterday and exchanged fire with a South Korean gunboat, briefly raising alarms in a nation already on edge over what its impoverished northern neighbor might do.

Two South Korean jet fighters scrambled to the scene and more were ordered on standby, Defense Ministry officials said. But the tension abated when the South concluded that the intrusion by the North Korean ship, escorting a fishing fleet, was unintentional.

The North Korean boat fired three rounds from a naval gun when it was challenged by three

South Korean high-speed gunboats after sailing 2 nautical miles into southern territorial waters, the ministry said.

From a kilometer away, a South Korean gunboat responded with two shots in the 50-minute standoff, 150 km west of Seoul, that ended when the North Korean boat returned to its own waters.

The ministry said each ship fired behind the other's stern.

It characterized all five rounds as warning shots. There were no casualties, it added.

But the South Korean government convened an emergency meeting of security-related

Cabinet ministers.

Hours later, officials said the North Korean ship appeared to have made a navigational mistake while escorting nine fishing vessels operating in the rich fishing grounds near the border.

South Korea said it was not putting its military on higher alert because of the incident. There was no further unusual military movement along the Demilitarized Zone.

The South's wariness has increased amid fears that the North may launch armed clashes to divert attention from severe food shortages.

"We consider this a serious violation of the armistice agreement," the Defense Ministry said. "We will protest through the UN Armistice Commission," which monitors the shaky truce.

The intrusion was the most serious since a North Korean submarine carrying 26 armed spies and crewmen ran aground off South Korea's east coast in September.

In all, 24 North Koreans from the submarine were killed or found dead. Eleven South Korean soldiers and civilians were also killed. One sailor was captured, and another intruder was listed as missing.

US double agent gets 23 years

ALEXANDRIA, Virginia (AP) - The highest-ranking US intelligence officer ever caught spying was sentenced yesterday to more than 23 years, averting life in prison after prosecutors said the former CIA station chief cooperated with investigators.

Harold J. Nicholson, who admitted selling secret documents to Russian officials at four overseas meetings, pleaded guilty to espionage and agreed to forfeit his spying gains and any future profit from sale of his story.

Nicholson admitted he conspired since June 1994 to commit espionage by selling Moscow defense documents, including some classified "top secret."

Nicholson said he spied out of love for his three children. He said he wanted to get money for the children who he felt he let down by spending so much time overseas in dangerous situations, and failing in his marriage.

Irish go to polls today

DUBLIN (Reuters) - Ireland holds elections today to choose between the center-left coalition of Prime Minister John Bruton and a rival center-right alliance under Bertie Ahern that has led opinion polls from the start.

Bruton's Christian Democrat Fine Gael and its left-wing allies has presided over an era of unparalleled prosperity, earning the economy the title "Celtic Tiger."

The last poll before voting starts showed Ahern's Fianna Fail and its smaller Progressive Democrats ally nine points ahead of Bruton's two-and-a-half-year-old "rainbow coalition" of his Fine Gael, Labor Party and Democratic Left.

But the survey, in yesterday's Irish Independent newspaper, showed that as many as 14 percent of the 2.7 million electorate remained undecided, a variable which reinforced forecasts of a hung parliament.

In a televised debate Wednesday with Ahern, Bruton appealed to voters to return an incumbent for the first time in 30 years.



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Anything you can do, I can do better: Barak's undisguised goal was to score as well in his party's leadership primary as Netanyahu did in the Likud's 1993 contest.

In Netanyahu's footsteps?

In his effort to defeat Binyamin Netanyahu at the polls, Ehud Barak will have to out-Likud the Likud, Sarah Honig reports.

It made perfect sense for Ehud Barak to claim in his victory speech after Tuesday's Labor Party leadership primary that he now heads the "true national camp," and to punctuate this with the obligatory cry "with God's help."

Barak knows that from now on, he'll have to spend a lot of his energy proving that his is no down-to-earth, not antireligious, very Jewish, very warm and very down-to-earth. So it is no wonder Barak spoke of hugging his Labor rivals and that some of his more dovish promoters chose to stress that he had met Arafat only once, fewer times than Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and much more reluctantly. Nor did they fail to note that he did not support Oslo 2 and that he shared Ariel Sharon's reservations about the Hebron agreement.

In other words, in his effort to defeat Netanyahu, Barak must out-Likud the Likud.

So far, this tactic has worked pretty well for him. The primary demonstrated that he had convinced the majority of Labor members that he alone can defeat Netanyahu in the next election. It wasn't Barak's ideology or personality which brought him his landslide victory, as much as his virtual claim that "anything Bibi can do, I can do better."

This is why it became so crucially important to surpass the 52% of the vote that Netanyahu had won at in the Likud primary in 1993. Barak indeed appeared to have succeeded when TV exit polls promised him 57% of the total. Barak was in politics for only 23 months and he won his party faster and bigger than Netanyahu did, crowed Barak's boosters in reaction to the TV projections. When it emerged later that he only got 50%, there was palpable disappointment, though the difference was insignificant in the internal party configuration. It was clear that Barak would have no trouble trouncing Yossi Beilin, Shlomo Ben-Ami and Ephraim Sneh.

Beating Bibi's record was the undisputed goal.

Yet the "actual task ahead is triumphing over Netanyahu in a real one-on-one, and it may be more difficult than imagined," says the late Yitzhak Rabin's right-hand man, Shimon Sheves.

"A close examination of the primary vote should instill much concern in the heart of the honest analyst. Appearances can be very misleading. It appears that Barak won a tremendous landslide, certainly unequalled in Labor's past. But there was never a contest like this before, when a leadership candidate had it so easy.

"Don't forget that when Rabin won the leadership in 1992, he did so by taking on the entire Labor establishment. Shimon Peres controlled the party machine and Rabin won narrowly against great odds. This time the party establishment was on Barak's side from the outset and he didn't really face much of an opposition."

Many in the party indeed say that this was a mock competition, that Barak was shooting baskets against an assortment of bench warmers. The more formidable Haim Ramon chose to sit the game out, regarding Beilin as a substitute for him. Ben-Ami had never aimed at a hoop before (and did amazingly well, considering), while Sneh had no business walking out on the court at all. The results were never in doubt.

This was a far cry from David Levy's bristling hatred for Netanyahu and the ensuing no-holds-barred viciousness of their showdown. Nor did Barak face anything like the threat to Netanyahu from the potential

vote-getting magic of Ze'ev Begin's surname. All of Netanyahu's rivals ranked high up in the Likud Knesset contingent. Barak's rivals all ranked comparatively low on the Labor Knesset list - Sneh is No. 8, Beilin 11, and Ben-Ami is in the very last slot, No. 34. None was major-league material.

"People voted for Barak because they were convinced by him that he is the one man who can bring Labor back to power by taking the votes of right-wingers away from the Likud, much as Rabin did," says Sheves. "The worrying thing is that with all this going for him, Barak did not do better than he did. This means that despite his being considered the only man who can assure Labor of victory, half the voters chose not to vote for him."

"If this is translated into an election bout against Netanyahu, it does not necessarily augur well for us," he says. "It's a long way to the next elections and nothing can be predicted today on the basis of this highly atypical primary."

Sheves's anxieties are echoed by Labor pundits who analyzed the turnout figures. Former MK Eli Dayan, who organized the primary, argued that the high turnout

- nearly 70% of 166,000 registered party members aged 16 and up - indicated "an outpouring of enthusiasm for the renewal in Labor. It shows that the voters are flocking back to us, that we are again an attractive electoral option."

However, over 30,000 party members came from the kibbutz movement and more than 19,000 from the Arab sector. The turnout among both these groups was extremely high, in some places close to 90%.

But in many cities, the turnout was less than 50%. The large urban centers are the crucial make-or-break factor in a general election; the arena in which the contest is waged. The 205,000 members eligible to vote in the 1993 Likud primary were largely city dwellers. Moreover, the Likud is younger. A quarter of Labor's members are pensioners.

"It will be a long hard struggle till the elections. Rabin's great advantage was that he won the party leadership on the eve of the 1992 elections and was a new hope then," Sheves says. "Barak peaked early and could suffer wear and tear if the elections are not advanced. If by 1999 he declines in the polls, he may face challenges from within and then

we will witness a real fight."

ONE SUCH challenge may come from Ramon, who clashed bitterly with him during the 1996 elections campaign, and who feels that Barak wrongly and maliciously blamed Peres's defeat on him.

That calumny, Ramon asserts, forced him to stay out of the primary this time, but he points out that Labor's rules demand ratification of the candidate for prime minister one year before the elections.

To Ramon's mind that is an opening for a challenge and he has gone on record as saying he might take Barak on.

The prevalent wisdom in Labor is that he will not do this, unless he perceives that Barak has been weakened in some way.

But the very possibility that he may challenge Barak has raised Ramon's political stock. He is considered likely to vie with Beilin for the leadership of Labor's doves. Ramon is already intimating that he could have done Barak far more serious damage than Beilin. Since Ramon did not actually take the risk, no one can prove him wrong. Moreover, because some in the party fear he is capable of bolting Labor and forming a new centrist party, Ramon is someone Barak must reckon with and mollify, even if in reality Ramon has few alternatives.

For his part, the soft-spoken Beilin managed to inject a very real warning to Barak into his

sugar-coated denial that it had never entered his mind to form a new camp or faction inside Labor. In the same breath, he noted that he is "part of a united cohesive ideological group and we will stick together and support each other in any situation and under any circumstances. I don't need anyone to give me power. I already have power."

So though Beilin won't call his supporters a camp and no one else in Labor now finds it politically correct or advantageous to refer to it as such, Ramon, Beilin, Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg, outgoing party secretary-general Nissim Zivili and others, are a force that cannot be dismissed.

They will demand their piece of the party pie and an ever-wary and suspicious Barak will have to go out of his way not to alienate them.


Moreover, this unofficial faction will compete for clout against Barak's own loyalists, who have also developed the trendy aversion to being called a faction.

Binyamin Ben-Eliezer managed to hint at this latent contention while ostensibly seeking to reassure Beilin and Ramon by saying that "no one in the party need fear for his political future. There will be no vendettas here. The unequivocal Barak victory signifies the end to internal factionalization in Labor. It's a thing of the past. Over and done with."

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The third day: A personal account

Veteran 'Jerusalem Post' reporter Abraham Rabinovich recalls the day he walked past deserted Israeli and Jordanian checkpoints to enter the Old City for the first time.

A banshee wail startled me out of deep sleep and it took several seconds before I registered that I was lying on a grassy slope, that I was in Jerusalem and that there was a war on.

It was mid-morning of Wednesday, June 7, 1967, two days into the Six Day War. I had arrived from the US a week before to cover the crisis for an American newspaper. Since the shooting began I had been spending most of my time in border neighborhoods absorbing the awesome sights and sounds of war. I could see the impact of shells in that virtual Jerusalem, at once tangible and unreal, just across the way. In a strange acoustical phenomenon, the sound of explosions reverberated around the hills cupping the city, seeming to roll round and round and grow louder and louder until they died in a climactic thunder-clap.

At night, a huge projector beam from the roof of the Histadrut building on Straus Street periodically swept across the landscape, pinpointing targets for artillery spotters. At first there would be only brief spurts of light but when Jordanian artillery failed to fire at the projector it would hold a target for long minutes. The white cone seemed like a theatrical spotlight on an enormous opera stage. Sometimes, when something erupted in its center, it was like a divine finger of retribution.

The war had its own rhythm. The noise of explosions and gunfire was deafening. But often the city was still enough to hear the distant barking of a dog or the sound of an electric transformer that one would ordinarily not hear on the street. Jerusalem has never been as silent as it was during these battle lulls.

At night, darkness was virtually total. Emerging from the blacked-out premises of *The Jerusalem Post*, then off Zion Square, where I was given access to a typewriter, I had to feel my way with hands and toes in order to reach the censor's office in the Russian Compound two blocks away. From there I would feel my way to the tele office in the main post office to send my stories abroad.

The streets seemed totally empty. I was startled one night to see a car slowly approaching without lights near the border. It stopped alongside me and the driver asked directions. There were two helmeted soldiers inside. They had apparently driven a wounded comrade to hospital in the Jordanian car that they had expropriated and were trying to find their way back to the crossing point. I identified myself as a reporter and asked them to take me with them but they refused.

Residents of the border areas were trapped in their homes for the two days of the battle, sometimes less than 100 meters from Jordanian positions. The Jordanians maintained heavy artillery and mortar fire on the border area to break up any Israeli attack that might be forming. (Mortars would inflict heavy

casualties on a paratroop battalion waiting in the alleys of the Beit Yisrael quarter to cross no-man's-land opposite the American Colony Hotel.)

Border residents, mostly at the lower end of the socio-economic scale, bore their fate with remarkable fortitude. Virtually all young and middle-aged men had been mobilized, leaving womenfolk, children and the elderly. The din of battle was all around them and it did not take an overactive mind to imagine Arab soldiers bursting through the door. I visited many of these houses and nowhere encountered panic. The residents assembled on the ground floor of their buildings as instructed by civil defense wardens before the war and formed a commune for the duration, cooking together and sharing care of the children. In one basement, I found the residents sitting in a circle, most with children on their laps, taking turns telling stories.

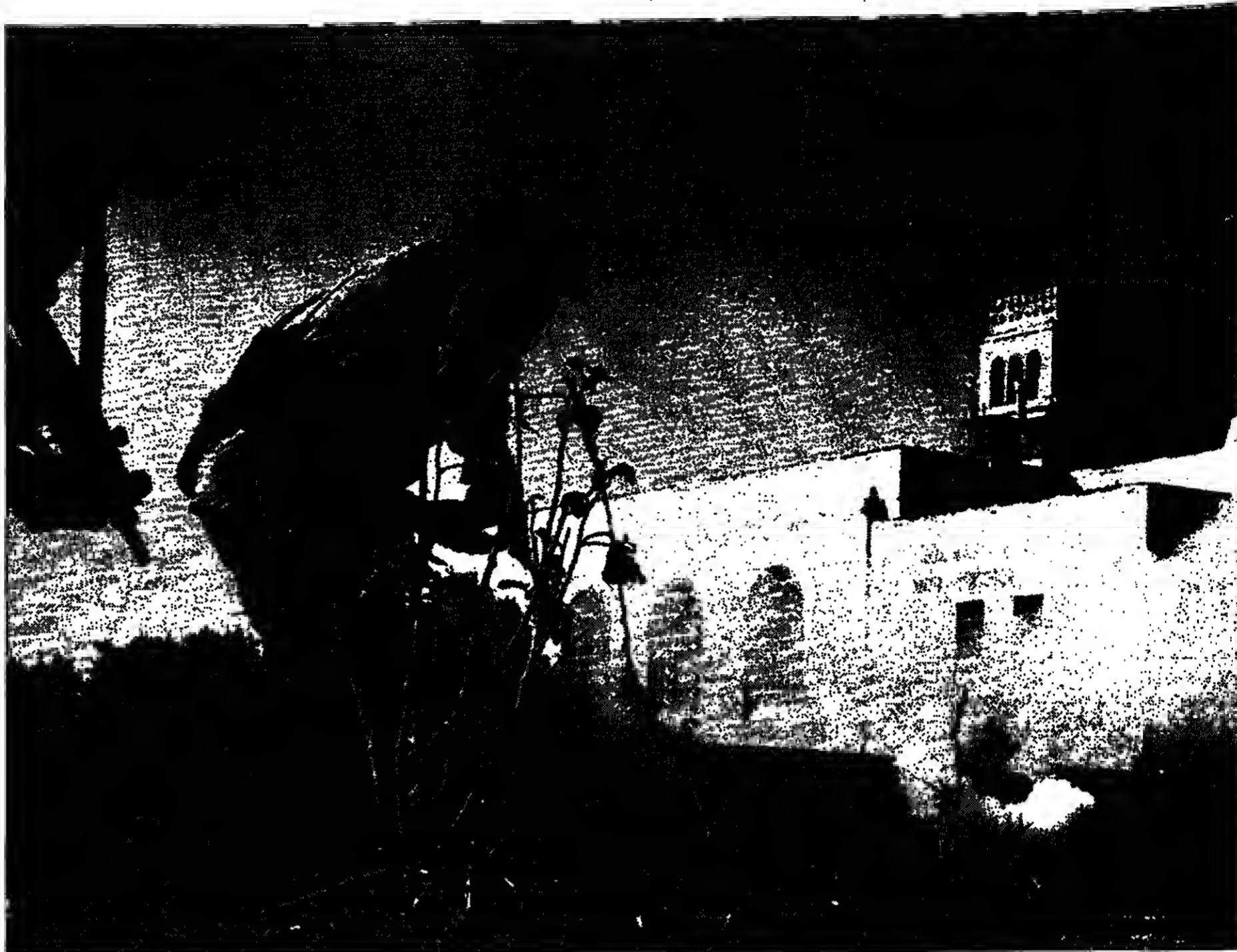
ABOUT 3 a.m. on the first night, I was on Shivtei Yisrael Street when a heavy barrage suddenly began to descend. Colonel Mordechai Gur's paratroop brigade had begun its attack on the northern end of the Jordanian line between the American Colony Hotel and Ammunition Hill, and the Jordanians were shelling with everything they had all along the border.

Shaken by the intensity of the blasts, I ducked into a building and found an empty lobby which had too many windows to offer a sense of security. Hearing voices behind a door I knocked and was invited in. The room was totally dark but hands guided me to a place where I could sit. They had gathered there, a voice said, because it was an inside room with no windows. Someone said they numbered nine but I could not see anyone. I could hear children but all the voices were calm.

The room was stifling hot. They sat in darkness, a voice explained, because the electricity was off and candles would raise the temperature. Someone offered me water. I never saw the people I spent that hour with. When I emerged from the building, dawn was beginning to light the sky. All the cars on the street were sitting on tires flattened by shrapnel and the cars themselves looked like pincushions. The pungent smell of gas hung heavily in the air from holed canisters of cooking gas. Tree limbs and utility wires covered the street. Overhead, tracers from the Jordanian lines sailed prettily towards the center of the Israeli side of the city.

From a balcony in Musrara on the second night of the war, I could hear a great rumbling sound from beyond the Mount of Olives where the air force was attacking a Jordanian tank column. Fire raged through part of Augusta Victoria on the Mount of Olives and through a Jordanian army barracks at its foot. The flames seemed to form the outline of a great truncated cross burning silently over Jerusalem.

I had snatched only a few hours of sleep during the two days and



Soldiers in Jerusalem converge outside the Jordanian-held Rockefeller Museum, June 1967

by Wednesday morning was exhausted. Passing through Independence Park, I lay down and promptly fell asleep. The Jordanian shelling had stopped but the overhead wall woke me after only a short nap. The sound was traveling from north to south but there was no plane visible. I would later be told that it was a new type of mortar shell being used to support the Jerusalem Brigade as it prepared to move south to conquer the Hebron hills.

With the adrenalin pumping once more, I stopped in at the *Post* where I found Charlie Weiss, the chief copy editor, alone in the newsroom. He said that Israeli troops were reported to have captured the Old City. I suggested we try to get over. We walked to the Mandelbaum Gate crossing point, used by diplomats and pilgrims, hoping to talk our way through the border guards. To our astonishment, the border checkpoint was empty.

We walked into a door on the Israeli side and emerged at the other end into no-man's-land. Crossing through the Jordanian checkpoint opposite, likewise empty, we began walking south towards the Old City. It was eerie to find ourselves in the streets of the Jordanian city but periodic encounters with members of the paratroop brigade were reassuring. Near Damascus Gate was a burned-out Jordanian army vehicle with a helmeted corpse sitting in it upright.

Approaching Lions' Gate, we

passed a smoldering bus and then stepped over the wooden gate itself, which had been felled by paratroop commander Motta Gur's half-track only four hours before when he smashed into the walled city. When we reached the Temple Mount, Weiss continued on to the Western Wall but I decided to linger on the mount.

The war had its own rhythm. The noise of explosions and gunfire was deafening. But often the city was still enough to hear the distant barking of a dog. Jerusalem was never as silent as it was during those battle lulls.

The scene was monumental. Long lines of Arabs, hands raised, were silhouetted against the sky as they moved across the platform of the Dome of the Rock guarded by helmeted paratroopers cradling Uzis. The prisoners, all in civilian clothing, were ordered to kneel in a line facing a stone wall. They were told to keep hands on their heads until they were called for interrogation. Some were older men, but young men with military bearing could be seen stiff-backed among the rest. The Jordanian soldiers who had remained in the Old City the night before had swapped their

uniforms for civilian clothing. Several of the prisoners were identified as soldiers by dog-tags or compass straps which they had retained.

When one prisoner put his hands down, a paratrooper barked at him to get them back up and motioned with his Uzi. A swarthy sergeant-major com-

young soldier watching alongside me said, "but we won't harm them."

The paratroopers were bronzed and unshaven and many wore captured Arab keffiyehs on their heads or around their necks. A group of officers surrounded by the antennae of their radio men watched planes circling beyond the Mount of Olives and daring down above the Jericho road. The compound was filling with supply vehicles, including a mobilized Tnuva milk truck laden with military equipment. Some soldiers climbed into the cabs of the vehicles to sleep. Across the mount a cheer went up from soldiers gathered around an officer who had just finished addressing them.

AT THE northern edge of the mount I came on a dozen soldiers poking through Jordanian army storerooms filled with crates of weapons and ammunition. They finally found what they wanted, boxes of soda pop. As they sat drinking on the terrace outside, they fell into easy conversation.

"They can have all the rest back," said one when I asked what he expected to happen now, "but not our holy city."

Despite the bewildering speed of events, the soldiers had obviously given thought to the political implications of the battle. Some said Israel must keep all or part of the territory captured on other fronts. Only one advocated returning everything, including Jerusalem. In this offhand dis-

ussion on the Temple Mount before the last shots were fired, all the major positions that would occupy the Israeli political scene in the ensuing three decades were outlined.

The sun was already low when I left the emotion-drenched alleys in front of the Western Wall and headed out of the Old City through Dung Gate, attaching myself to a platoon of Jerusalem Brigade snipers. The village of Silwan across the valley had not yet been combed and the platoon commander ordered his men to keep their eyes on its windows.

The stone houses, all of them flying white flags, seemed to meld into the hillside in the incredibly golden light. Beyond was the great purple cleft of the Jordan Valley. As we climbed the rear slope of Mount Zion we passed groups of soldiers crowded around transistor radios. Cheers marked announcements of the war's progress.

Soldiers of the Southern Command were already at the Suez Canal and armored unit had reached the Jordan River at Jericho. One company sat in a circle singing Hassidic songs. At the top of the hill the Israeli side of the city came into view. It was almost dark now and for the first time since the war began the lights were on in Jerusalem.

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Soldier and civilian at the Western Wall, June 1967

(R.M. Kneeller)

A miraculous victory?

"Miraculous" is an adjective that, over the last 30 years, has been used often in speaking or writing of Israel's victory in the Six Day War.

For some, miraculous is meant only figuratively, in the sense that the war was an unexpected, awesome and astounding victory. For others, miraculous is meant quite literally - that the victory was a miracle of biblical proportions, an example of God's active, visible intervention in history.

Miracles are very much in the eye of the beholder. One man's miracle is another man's act of nature.

Among religious Israelis, there seems to be a consensus that the Six Day War was not just a stunning military victory by a superior army, but that some other factor or force was involved. No better illustration of this point of view is the decision after the war by then-chief rabbi Isser Yehuda Unterman to rule that Hallel, special psalms of praise, should be recited on Jerusalem Day, and that these psalms should be preceded by the recitation of a blessing.

Although Hallel, with the blessing, is widely recited on Jerusalem Day in the national religious camp, among haredim - both Ashkenazi and Sephardi - these psalms are not recited to mark Jerusalem Day. This does not mean that those particular communities do not see any religious significance in the Six Day War, or that they do not wrap a religious interpretation around it, but rather that their interpretations vary.

While there is agreement among many religious Jews that the war was a miracle, there is disagreement over the nature of the miracle. Was the miracle the salvation of Israel at a time when there were real fears that another holocaust was lurking at the door? Or was the miracle the conquest of those areas - eastern Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria - that hold so much emotive power for so many?

The feeling in the haredi world, except for Habad on one hand and Satmar Hassidim on the other, is that the Six Day War was indeed a miracle, but that the miracle was God's salvation of the Jewish people, not the gaining possession of Jerusalem's Old City, Hebron or Nablus. In this world view, the victory that God gave the IDF was a contemporary manifestation of the verse in the Pessah Haggada that reads: "In every generation they rise against us and seek our destruction. But the Holy One, blessed be He, saves us from their hands."

"I WAS a child of 12 at the time,"

Many religious Jews regard the Six Day War as a miracle, but they disagree on the nature of that miracle, Herb Keinon writes

said Yisrael Eichler, a Belz-based, the editor of its weekly newspaper *Hamahaneh Haharedi*, and a frequent panelist on Israel Television's *Popolitica*, "but I remember a feeling that we were witnessing clear miracles. The war was indeed a miracle, but it was a miracle that had nothing to do with nationalism or messianism. It was a miracle in the same way that there are numerous examples throughout history of Jews being saved from pogroms."

Eichler said that there was nothing miraculous in the return to Jerusalem, Hebron, Bethlehem and Shiloh, and that there is no spiritual significance to the return to those areas.

According to Eichler, the Belzer Rebbe, departing from mainstream haredi opinion, has even said that if retaining sov-

eignty over the Western Wall is tied up with the loss of life, it is preferable to forfeit that sovereignty.

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The Satmar hassidism, Eichler said, don't see the victory as a miracle at all, rather as the work

of satanic powers. Anything carried out by the impure Zionist state cannot, by nature, be holy. Soon after the war, then Satmar rebbe, Yoel Teitelbaum, said that conquest of the territories would necessarily cause the loss of much more life.

He also wrote a book reiterating his belief that the Holocaust was God's answer to Zionism, and that the Six Day War should not be seen in any way as a sign of God's approval of the Zionist enterprise.

On the other side of the haredi spectrum stands Habad, which has infused the war, and the return to the territories, with much religious meaning.

Not only was the war a miracle, said Habad spokesman Menachem Brodt, but it was a miracle that Lubavitcher Rebbe Menachem Mendel Schneerson

foresaw.

"A few weeks before the war the rebbe spoke, and said that there would be great victory," Brodt said.

"This was a time when there was great concern about the possibility of physical destruction, when there was morbid humor to the effect that the last person leaving the airport should turn off the lights. Many yeshiva students from abroad were leaving, and the rebbe said they should remain in the country and pray, that a great victory was in the offing."

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View from the Nile

Abraham Rabinovich meets the man who served as Egyptian President Gamel Abdel Nasser's spokesman during the Six Day War.

Egyptian leader Gamel Abdel Nasser had already started to pull back from the brink when the Six Day War hit him, says the man who served as Nasser's official spokesman.

"Nasser definitely miscalculated the crisis that led to the war," says retired ambassador Tahseen Basheer, "but he had started to de-escalate. He told the UN and the US and others that he would not fire the first shot. If he had started the war, instead of telling his commanders not to make the first strike, our military defeat would not have been as big and our suffering would have been much less."

Basheer, who had also served as president Anwar Sadat's spokesman and later as Egypt's ambassador to the Arab League, was in Jerusalem this week to participate in a conference at Hebrew University marking the 30th anniversary of the war, one of several such conferences being held here. Now a scholar at the National Center for Middle East Studies in Cairo, he spent some of his time in Jerusalem studying Israeli documents relating to the war.

"I've learned some very interesting things," he said. "The ministers of the National Religious Party at the time were against going to war. So was Ben-Gurion. He took [chief of staff Yitzhak] Rabin to pieces for sending the air force over Damascus before the war. He said it was an insult to the Arabs."

Both Nasser and Sadat were "pharaohs" with national visions, said Basheer, but Sadat was able to make his trip to Jerusalem because he was unencumbered by the defeat of 1967 and buoyed by 1973 war.

"If he had lost in 1973 he would have been hung in [Cairo's] Tahrir Square. Literally. He was a man of great daring and he believed his fate was in God's hand. That's why he never wore an armored vest. If he had, it might have saved him." Sadat was assassinated while viewing a military parade in October 1981.

At the time of Sadat's trip, Basheer was serving as Egyptian representative to the Arab League. Sadat's wife, Jehan, invited Basheer, an old family friend, to discuss the visit.

"I told her I supported him and the Egyptian people supported him. But I feared the bullet. You

can never have 100 percent support and there is no defense against the bullet."

The amiable Egyptian diplomat has been engaged in dialogue with Jews since long before the peace process.

A leader of the Arab students' union in the US in the 1950s, he was co-opted onto the staff of the Egyptian mission to the UN. Living in New York, he became part of the heavily Jewish, Upper West Side cultural scene, and enjoyed the give and take of political debate with Zionists. On one occasion, he said, he arranged meetings in New York with Jewish leaders for a senior Syrian minister who wanted to explore the possibilities of peace.

Basheer himself had an hour-long meeting with philosopher Martin Buber in New York in 1957.

"I was young and brash, he was old and picked his words very wisely. It was a painful meeting. I said 'You've taken the land because you are stronger and have Western support. The Palestinians lost because they were weaker. Now you talk of morality but this is the morality of power. Either offer a bigger cake so as to make your presence beneficial to the other side and in time the pain will be seen as a passing phase, or give them some kind of compensation. But you do neither.'"

"He didn't dodge issues. I liked his empathy with the Palestinians. He was pained by the problem and had no solution. At the end he said 'This was a difficult meeting and I'm going to give you a present. I'm going to tell you a hassidic story.'"

The story was about a young man going to a rabbi and asking how to rid the world of evil so as to permit good to enter.

The rabbi's response was to just begin doing good in anticipation that evil would then subside by itself.

"I believe that a historic compromise is within our grasp but it is not with us yet," said Basheer. "I believe we're in for a difficult two years. By that time we should see whether [Labor leader Ehud] Barak will be able to deliver."

"No side is considering war as an option. But there can be miscalculations. My greatest fear is apathy among young Israelis and despair among young Palestinians. Peace does not come from being vanquished."

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Mothers at war

A newly formed protest group — mothers of soldiers in Lebanon — takes to the streets today to mark 15 years since the start of the Lebanon War, Dan Izenberg reports

A group of women, most of whom had never heard of each other a few weeks ago, will set up tables at 30 sites all over the country today and ask passersby to sign a petition calling on the government "to find a solution to the Lebanese problem without delay."

Just two weeks ago, the latest protest movement, called "A Voice Calling for Peace," consisted of a handful of women in Upper Galilee, far from the corridors of power and influence. But television coverage of a protest by the women at the Mahanayim intersection tapped an enormous reservoir of barely contained anxiety shared by the parents of hundreds, if not thousands, of soldiers serving in the security zone in south Lebanon.

"We received a flood of phone calls," said Kibbutz Mahanayim member Miri Sela, who initiated the grass-roots movement four months ago, together with the mothers of three of her son's schoolmates — Maronit Nahmias and Yaffa Arbel of Kibbutz Gadot, and Rahel Ben-Dror from Rosh Pina.

All the boys are currently serving in Lebanon. Their mothers believe the government is trapped in old conceptions and must try much harder until it finds a solution which will enable their sons to come home, and soon. What makes the protest movement special is that it draws on a particularly sensitive emotional string — a mother's love and concern for her child.

It is a sentiment which even the toughest of men find difficult to oppose, at least in words. But the movement has angered many women, including Likud MK Naomi Blumenthal, who also has a son in Lebanon.

"They want to claim a monopoly on motherhood," said Blumenthal. "They are creating a situation which makes it look as though women who do not join the movement don't care about their sons." By stressing that they

were mothers, the organizers were also unfairly implying that the soldiers' fathers care less about their children, she added.

Blumenthal charged that the organization was, in fact, a left-wing political movement aimed at unseating the government disguised as a group of apolitical women fueled by motherly love. "I ask myself why they didn't demonstrate two years ago or three years ago, and whether there may not be a political reason behind that fact," she said.

There is some basis to her suspicions. Sela was a member of Women in Black until the Labor Party victory in 1992. However, she said she stopped demonstrating out because her side was in power, but because the government of Yitzhak Rabin was obviously doing something about peace.

"They did two enormous things," said Sela. "They made peace with Jordan and began a peace process with the Palestinians. So why didn't we protest then? Because we saw they were doing things. And when it came to Lebanon, Rabin said: I understand the mothers, but we are working on it. The boys are on their way home. It's not like today where all we bear is: there's no choice, we must stay put. We kept quiet for a year. But how long can a mother keep quiet when she sees her son in danger every day?"

Sela began her public activity in February, after the helicopter crash at Sbe'ar Yashov in which 73 soldiers were killed, by writing a letter to call for a withdrawal from southern Lebanon to the Likud and Labor MKs who gathered at Kocbav Ya'ir.

"The crash opened my eyes," she explained. "We came to realize that most of the soldiers killed in the North die because of logistics. It is primarily a war of logistics — how to move troops and how to supply them with food and ammunition. When we moved them in trucks, the Hizbullah blew them up with sui-



"The Lebanon trap: Is there really no choice?" Roadside protest by members of 'A Voice Calling for Peace.'

(Emanuel Ilan Yediot Aharonov)

cide bombers. We gave the trucks armor but that didn't help. We started using helicopters and look what happened. Why not take all the resources needed for logistics and invest them in strengthening the border defenses — reinforcing the fence, building more watch towers, etc."

SELA DENIES that the movement's supporters all come from the Left. One indication of the fact that opposition to the security-zone strategy straddles party lines is the fact that not everyone agrees about the movement's ultimate aims.

Sela, for example, favors a unilateral withdrawal if no agreement is reached. But Shoshana Saban, a recently recruited Jerusalem activist, is opposed to a "unilateral, hasty withdrawal from Lebanon."

Saban also comes from the right side of the political spectrum, though her views have changed over the years. "What impressed me about the movement and gave me the impetus to join is the fact that these women live in the North and the aim of the Lebanon War is to protect the residents of the North," she said. "If they

think it's time for the government to think differently and that the overall aim should be to get out of Lebanon, I'm all for it. Even though she has no preten-

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sions to be a political leader or a military expert, Saban is absolutely certain there is another way — even when Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai says there is not.

Earlier this week, Mordechai called on the mothers to strengthen the resolve of their children serving in Lebanon. "I promise the mothers that the moment we find a partner with whom we can reach agreement or any element which can assume responsibility

for establishing a serious force in south Lebanon, we will quickly reach an agreement," he told Channel 1 television. "Today, in my opinion, there is no such element."

"[In the meantime], any change in the current situation means bringing terrorism closer to Israeli territory and bringing weapons closer to the northern border and a substantial threat to large portions of the population of northern Israel," Saban is not convinced.

"Let them try," she insisted. "Simply sit and think. We have been in the muck of Lebanon for 15 years. It doesn't get better. We continue to suffer casualties. That means there has been no change in the conception. Nothing has changed. Let them sit and think. I still believe that maybe, despite everything, it's still possible."

Saban, thin, wiry and articulate, has the appearance of a strong woman. She is the administrator of the Hadassah Hospital neighborhood branch in Kiryat Hayovel.

But, despite her vitality, she is burdened with fears. Her day begins by listening to the six o'clock news, to make sure the night in Lebanon passed without incident. "What moved me so much about the mothers is that they are sick and tired of the situation," she said.

"It's hard for us as mothers to live from one ambush to another, or from the time our sons go up to

Lebanon to when they come down, again. When my son goes up, it is terrible. Lebanon is a cancer in the souls of all the parents."

Smadar Bat-Adam also knows

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—Likud MK Naomi Blumenthal

what it is like to send children to Lebanon. She has two paratrooper sons, one still serving in the regular army.

But her conclusions are not the same as Saban's or as Sela's and she is not a member of the group. Several years ago, when her older son was serving in the territories during the intifada, she wrote him a now-famous letter, entitled, "I want you back alive," in which she reminded him of the adage: "If someone comes to kill you,

kill him first." "I feel these things, I live with these fears," she said. "The day my firstborn went up to Lebanon was the day I had to start going to a hairdresser to dye my hair. All of a sudden, I became an old woman. And you think about death all the time."

Despite this, however, one must never forget the reality that Israel is up against, she continued. "The Arabs are not like us. They want to destroy Israel. Therefore, Israel must remain strong."

"If the fear of death for my boys gets to be too strong for me, I'll get up and go to New Zealand, and take my children with me," she said. But so long as I'm here, and my children are faced to be soldiers, I cannot pursue naïve solutions that can, further down the road, expose them to even greater dangers."

According to Bat-Adam, the facts on the ground have convinced her that the Syrians and Lebanese do not want to make peace and that there is no choice but to stay put in the security zone.

"We are only one year after the government of Rabin and Peres and they did not succeed in getting out of Lebanon. Whoever believes in them ought to understand that it is impossible [to withdraw]. I do not believe what the [current] government says out of stupidity. I follow developments myself. And to have some faith in the leadership is not a bad thing."

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MIDDLE ISRAEL



By AMOTZ ASA-EL

War and bread have frequently been intertwined, as one can learn from the unsettling similarity between the Hebrew words milhama and lechem.

unskilled job-seekers. And yet land, minerals and cheap labor were the spoils the Six Day War gave an Israel drunk with victory.

Imperial Japan, for instance, in storming the huge triangle between China, India and Australia, sought to obtain the raw materials its economy had historically lacked.

He believed free passage of Israelis and Palestinians across the Green Line should be forbidden; Sapiro's Israel would remain small, predominantly Jewish, fiercely Western and effectively detached from its Mideastern surroundings.

In the other corner stood defense minister Moshe Dayan, who believed that Palestinians and Israelis should be allowed - even encouraged - to meet at the marketplace.

In his laissez-faire vision Palestinians would cross the Green Line freely to work, the Gaza-BeerSheva-Hebron corridor would become a mercantile axis brimming with traffic of people and goods, and the bridges on the Jordan River would allow Israeli-made goods to be shipped throughout the Arab world.

As late as the morning of June 5, 1967, prime minister Levi Eshkol tried, through American mediation, to dissuade Jordan's King Hussein, from joining the war. Had Hussein heeded that advice, there might have been no West Bank settlements today.

In post-'67 Israel, a thickly bespectacled, Polish-born, Yiddish-speaking, veteran bureaucrat like Pinhas Sapir suffered from a serious image problem when faced with the eye-patched, Deganya-born, celebrated war hero Dayan.

In the end, it was not long before Dayan's vision was being translated into policies that would leave a tragic imprint on millions of Israelis and Palestinians.

At first, the formula seemed to work; Israelis and Palestinians routinely bought and sold to and from each other. The only problem was that the main merchandise on the counter was labor, and that these transactions eventually added an economic dimension to a hitherto political conflict.

The Israeli-Palestinian mingling Dayan had so eagerly sought, pitted Palestinian waiters, dish washers, cement carriers and tomato pickers against Israeli restaurant patrons, hotel managers, building contractors or farm owners.

Meanwhile, a whole generation of young Palestinians went through the humiliating experience of meeting the enemy in a hierarchical setting, where they were always on a lower rung. Yet, as time went on, the two sides became addicted to the short-term

satisfaction of cheap, semi-regulated labor on the one hand, and a minimal but steady source of income on the other.

In short, it was a fatal attraction. It took two decades for the constant exposure of slum-bred Gazans to increasingly affluent, frequently patronizing and ever omnipotent Israeli bosses to generate a popular uprising.

In the mid-'70s a similar structural deformity sparked a conflagration in Lebanon, where the cleavage between Christians and Moslems overlapped a yawning gap between rich and poor.

IT COULD have been different, had Dayan's outlook been social rather than geographic, and Sapir's a purely economic approach.

Dayan was right to seek an integration mechanism of some sort, but was utterly ignorant in allowing it to overlap class distinctions. The key to a measure of harmony would have been social rather than geographic mobility.

That would have been achieved had we welcomed Palestinian professionals into Israel proper and, at the same time, shaped an economy where blue-collar Palestinians could work for Palestinian employers. That way, the Palestinian waiter would not have suffered the humiliation of working for his occupier, while Israelis would have routinely gone through such educating

experiences as being operated on by an Arab surgeon, asking for a loan from an Arab banker, or being defended in court by an Arab lawyer.

Similarly, Sapir was wrong to seek an economic Great Wall of China between Israel and the Palestinians.

The reality was that east of the Green Line there was a dire lack of capital and an ample supply of labor, while west of it the situation was exactly the opposite.

Had Sapir understood this, Israel would not have blocked, but in fact would have encouraged, capital inflows into the West Bank and Gaza.

Now, a generation later, Palestinian labor is once again being returned here by an Israeli leadership which insists on learning nothing, and a Palestinian leadership which blocks foreign investors from setting up shop in its midst, lest its political clout be threatened.

And so, like Israel before him, Arafat is forcing his subjects to remain someone else's hewers of wood and drawers of water. Is that what they fought for?

Next week: The post-messianic hangover.

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SHABBAT SHALOM



By SHLOMO RISKIN

Countdown to redemption

Thus, the time between Pessah and Shavuot is the time between redemption promised and redemption realized. The sacred Zohar teaches that

PESSAH IS when God promised to marry us; and Shavuot is the marriage itself. The seven weeks in between, teach the mystical sages, are like the seven days a bride-to-be counts in preparation for her wedding, during which she purifies herself in order for the marriage to be properly consummated.

Hence, these days between the hope of redemption and the achievement of redemption are crucial days of preparation. This may well be reflected in the two versions of the count - lo-momer, and bo-omer. The prefix lo - meaning toward - emphasizes anticipation; the prefix bo (which means within) emphasizes preparation. There can be no achievement of a goal without proper preparation. This preparation requires t'shuva - a return to the Land of Israel and to the Torah of Israel.

In a sense, the preparation is more significant than the realization - for without it, redemption will remain an elusive dream. Perhaps this is why the weeks between Pessah and Shavuot have become a time of mourning - no weddings and no haircuts, at the very least. During this period, 24,000 students of R. Akiva died because they did not show proper respect for each other (Leviticus 25:17). Apparently they understood the importance of Israel, but were missing the main message of Torah, which is brotherly love.

Then, 1,000 years later, entire Jewish communities were destroyed by the Crusaders - Christians on their way to "liberate" the Land of Israel from the Saracens, while the Jews were content to remain in exile. Apparently, those Jews understood the importance of Torah, but were remiss in their appreciation of the Land.

Our mourning during this period is not only for the lives lost, but also for the tragedy of redemption unachieved.

Weeks of joyous anticipation have become weeks of tragic mourning because we lost sight of the spiritual and physical ideals so necessary for redemption.

But in the past five decades, two new and joyous festivals have emerged between Pessah and Shavuot: Independence Day and Jerusalem Day.

And what's most uncanny about these days is that they seem to be reclaiming a long-lost Jewish legacy, a willingness to accept the challenge and assume the responsibility of realizing the dream.

"Weeks" is a name that speaks of the road which must be traveled, the religious development which is the prerequisite for the accomplishment of our goal.

The real test lies in our willingness and ability to count and prepare for the God of Redemption. If our preparation is sufficient, our goal will certainly be achieved.

Shabbat Shalom and Hag Sameah

'Hierusalem, my happie home'

A VIEW FROM NOV



By MOSHE KOHN

Near the famous Fisherman's Wharf/Pier 39 in San Francisco, we were waiting for the No. 32 bus that would take us to the Caltrain station for the ride to our base in Cupertino. A man and two women sat there chatting. From his attire and accent, he seemed to be a Texas rancher.

I said we indeed liked it, "confessed" that my wife and I had both been born and raised in the US, and gave them a capsule of Jewish history, including that my parents had come to the US from Jerusalem, and that in 1957 we had gone to Israel with our children to live.

The man thought for several moments, then said: "Ah, so theo you went home."

IN TALMUDIC times, Jerusalemites were already notorious possessors of a special degree of hutpa (Shabbat 62b). Here is a latter-day example:

An American rabbi, strolling bareheaded along Mea She'arim Street, stopped to chat, to Yiddish, with a little boy from the neighborhood. After the man explained his calling and denomination, the boy asked: "If you're a rov, how come you're not wearing a hirtl [Yiddish for headcovering]?"

Rabbi: "The sky is my hirtl." Boy: "My, my - such a little bead aod such a big hirtl!"

RABBI WILLIAM Eidelberg of New York was looking for an address in the Komemiyut (Talbich) section of Jerusalem. He asked a passing woman to direct him to "Rehov Berlio Street."

The woman replied: "Sir, this is not Germany. The street is called Rehov Harov. [Rabbi] Berlin!" (after Rabbi Haim Berlin, who headed the Etz Haim Yeshiva in Jerusalem till he died in 1913).

AT THE Western Wall, a man I

didn't know came up to me, gripped my right hand, shook it warmly, and greeted me enthusiastically: "Hello, my friend. How are you? How is your family? What have you been up to?" Etc.

Then, assuming a hurt look and tone, he said: "What, you don't remember me? After we stood right next to each other that time at mo'amod Hor Sinoi [the giving of the Decalogue at Mt. Sinai]?"

MANDATORY PALESTINE'S first high commissioner was Sir Herbert Louis Samuel. Field Marshal Herbert Onslow Plumer succeeded him in 1925. Plumer's tenure was marked by calm, radically unlike Samuel's tenure, during which the Arabs staged their 1920 and 1921 anti-Jewish pogroms, and that of Plumer's successor, Sir John Herbert Chaoletor, when they staged their 1929 pogrom.

An example of Plumer's approach to his responsibilities was described by the late Israeli journalist and historian Julian Meltzer in a special May 12, 1937, supplement of this newspaper marking the coronation of King George VI.

The colors of the Jewish Battalions that had served under British command in World War I were sent from the Royal Fusiliers' depot in England to be placed in the Hurva Synagogue in the Old City, which at that time was the quasi-official central synagogue of the Chief Rabbinate. Former Legionnaires were to carry them there in a procession through the streets of

Jerusalem.

The mufti at the time, who had been appointed by Samuel, was Amin al-Husseini, who had already been tried, convicted and sentenced for his role in the 1920 pogrom in Jerusalem, and then pardoned by Samuel.

Husseini led a delegation of Arab spokesmen to Plumer and told him through an interpreter that he wouldn't "be responsible" for what happened if the Legionnaires' parade was permitted.

Plumer "screwed his monocle into his eye, looked closely at Hussein, and said to the interpreter: 'Tell him that he is not responsible for anything in this country. I am responsible.'" "There was no disturbance when the march took place," Meltzer concluded.

NAOMI SHEMER was not the first to sing of Jerusalem the Golden. She was preceded by the medieval hymnist Bernard of Cluny, who composed a five-stanza hymn by that name. The first stanza reads (in Rev. John Neale's 1851 translation from Latin):

Jerusalem the Golden, with milk and honey blest! Beneath thy contemplation, sink heart and voice opprest. I know not, Oh, I know not, what joys await us there; What bliss beyond compare.

AN ANONYMOUS 16th-century English hymnist composed a 26-stanza poem based on St. Augustine's reference to "Mater Hierusalem Civitas Soncio

Del/Mother Jerusalem Holy City of God" in his Meditations (chapter 25).

The manuscript of the poem in the British Museum is headed: "A song made by f. B. P. to the tune of Diana."

The poem opens with: Hierusalem, my happie home. When shall I come to thee? When shall my sorrows have an end.

Thy joys when shall I see? The closing stanza reads: Hierusalem, my happie home. Would God I were in thee! Would God my woes were at an end.

Thy joys that I might see! In 1882 Samuel A. Ward set this poem to music.

Eleven years later, Katherine Lee Bates, an American poet and educator, wrote a patriotic poem to Ward's melody, "America the Beautiful," which became a sort of third national anthem, after "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "America."

The first two stanzas close with lines containing prayers that we here might adapt for our use: America! America! God shed His grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shiny sea!...

America! America! God mend thy ev'ry flaw, Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law!

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FOOTSTEPS

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"There will be a leadership team in which all shades of party thought will be incorporated. As far as I am concerned," continues Ben-Eliezer, "my record speaks for itself. I stood at Barak's side from his first day in the party and contributed massively to his victory. I am not worried about my position." The translation from Labor-speak is that Ben-Eliezer is staking a claim for political reward.

BARAK SPOKE vaguely about setting up a compact leadership crew at his side. But that may prove as complicated as trying to form a coalition. To meet the demands of all the "non-factions," the trim team could swell to an oversized executive with some four dozen members. For the same reason, any idea of a shadow cabinet is out of the question: It would trigger infighting over the nonexistent portfolios and leave too many bruised egos.

"Barak can't afford any ruffled feathers," says Sheves. "Barak will have to pay through the nose for internal party peace. He is surrounded by people who did not follow him because of his ideology."

"Uzi Baram's views in fact are much more dovish and quite different from Barak's. So are Haggai Merom's and David Liba'i's. But we have an ideology of power here," says Sheves. "Barak convinced them that he alone can deliver the goods. They and Ben-Eliezer, Avraham Shohat, and Ori Orr are all crowding around Barak like bees around honey."

But these power struggles may



Against the Wall: Barak knows he'll have to prove he's not antireligious in order to lead 'the true national camp.' (Gideon Markovitz)

be "the least of Barak's worries," says Burg. "If Barak wants to return to power, he will have to set out on a journey of penitence. He will have to go from one sector of the popula-

tion to another and beg forgiveness for the wrongs Labor has done or is perceived to have done.

"There are many segments of the population who feel aggrieved,

who feel that Labor insulted and belittled them," says Burg. "Barak will have to go to the synagogues, the development towns and the working-class neighborhoods, and not just

appear as a patronizing elitist visitor who honors them with his presence."

To win back Sephardi support, Barak is expected to speedily elevate Ben-Ami's status as Labor's answer to the Likud and Shas.

But Labor MK Eli Ben-Menahem warns against making "an artificial figurehead out of Ben-Ami. He was born in Morocco and his name once was Ben-Abu but this history professor is not a man of the common folk. He is the darling of Ashkenazi yuppies rather than a representative of the blue-collar Sephardim."

Ben-Menahem points to "the primary returns in Tel Aviv's Kfar Shalem slum, where 137 votes went to Barak and only 20 to Ben-Ami. In the nearby Hatikva neighborhood, Barak got 80 votes to Ben-Ami's six. But in wealthy Kikar Hamedina, Barak came away with 138 votes, while Ben-Ami garnered 66."

Ramon agrees that "the situation for Labor today is far from simple."

"At this point it must be admitted that Netanyahu's coalition sticks together. The Russian immigrants may be the least stable and predictable element. There is almost no point for us to waste any time in the Ashkenazi religious sector," says Ramon.

"It's lost to us and winning another fraction of a percentage point in Bnei Brak isn't worth much. Shas was more open, but, since the Bar-On Affair, it began to regard Netanyahu as a fellow victim of the wicked Labor elite, which manipulates the prosecution and police."

"It's not impossible to bring Netanyahu down, but it's not easy," Ramon says. "In the end — as was the case in 1992 — it might not be that we will win, but that the Right will self-destruct."

GRAPEVINE

Cairo's just desserts

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

"Let them eat cake" took on a whole new meaning this week at the opening of the Cairo Geniza exhibition. Referring to a Geniza document in which an anonymous writer praised the hospitality of Maimonides, who served his guests lemon cakes, Israel Museum director James Snyder, in the spirit of the occasion, presented President Ezer Weizman with a whole basketful of lemon cakes. Weizman, who was about to board a hovering helicopter to take him to a meeting with the 1967 IDF General Staff, commented that if he took the lemon cakes with him "they'll think I'm completely balmy."

HE'S not Jewish, he has few Jewish friends, and until this week, he'd never been to Israel. Yet for all that, Norwegian parliamentarian Jan Simensson, one of the recipients of the Guardian of Jerusalem award, is a great admirer of Israel and the Jewish people and a leading advocate for the transfer of the Norwegian embassy to Jerusalem. At a dinner for the honorees at the King David Hotel, Simensson noted that no

one of the places in which he romped ahead of him was Arad, where Barak's campaign leader, Avraham Shohat, was mayor before entering into national politics.

MODEL parents? You can bank on it. Y a e l Abecassis and Lior Miller, who met and flashed on the set of the

Castro commercial which was the first-ever commercial shown on Channel 2, this week became the proud parents of a bouncing baby boy. The infant was born at Jerusalem's Misgav Ladach hospital where his mother has been inundated by gifts and good wishes from doting fans.

ALTHOUGH Yossi Beilin trailed behind Ehud Barak in most of the areas in which the Labor primaries



Betar Jerusalem's Shmufik Levy and bride Anat Ne'eman (Sivan Farag)

people suffered from injustice as often as the Jews; no other country in the world "has received as much unjustified criticism as Israel."

Quoting his own country's literary genius, Henrik Ibsen, Simensson said: "The strongest is the one who stands alone."

PROBLEMS which Betar Jerusalem soccer players are having with the income-tax authorities were put on the back burner as some 1,000 relatives, players and

THE apple didn't fall far from the tree. Former US vice-president Hubert H. Humphrey, as chairman of the Keep America Beautiful Council under the Johnson administration, was an environmental innovator. His son Hubert Humphrey III, attorney-general of the State of Minnesota, is also known for his environmental vision, and was here this week to award the Council for a Beautiful Israel prizes for exceptional environmental research projects. The prizes are in the name of his father.

WHILE Transportation Minister Yitzhak Levy is girding his loins to uphold Sabbath observance in the El Al transition to privatization, Metuna, the organization for road safety, will on Sunday mount a demonstration outside his Jerusalem office. In Judaism, says Zelda Harris, one of the Metuna founders, the saving of life transcends all else. The Anashim B'Adom faction of Metuna, which comprises members who have lost loved ones in traffic accidents, are demanding that Levy put road safety at the top of his list of priorities.

They want him to establish policies and clear guidelines which will effectively reduce carnage on the roads.

VARIETY in Israel is obviously doing something right. President and International Ambassador Ory Slonim has been notified by the board of Variety International that the Israel branch has been awarded the Variety Media Prize for 1996 in recognition of having received more coverage last year than any other branch of Variety worldwide. Considering the many pies in which Slonim has a finger, that's not at all surprising.

EVEN small sins can't be kept under wraps. Afraid of being caught shopping for junk food, super-model Cindy Crawford asked someone else to take her purchases to the check-out counter and said that she would settle the bill outside. Needless to say, her departure from a wholesome diet didn't remain secret for very long.

LOOKING much younger than her 56 years, Raquel Welch this week stepped into the female lead of the Broadway production of Victor Victoria.

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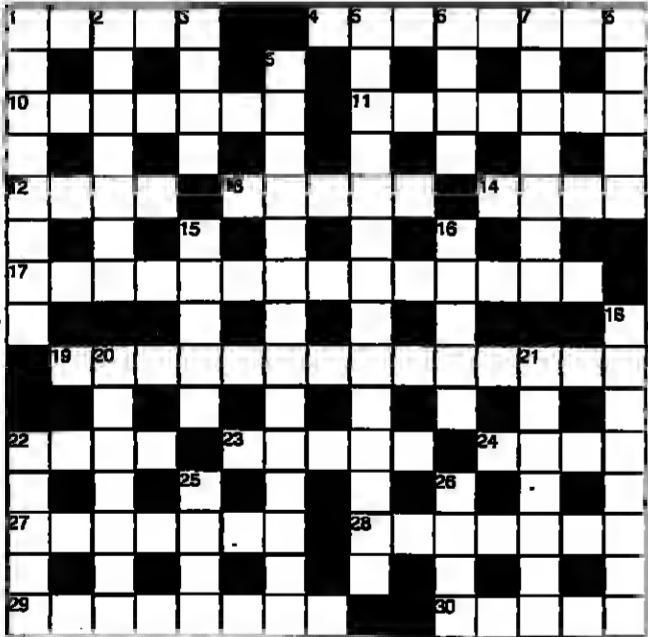
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- 1 Limits a medic with sex appeal (5)
 - 4 Over-punctilious man is a problem (8)
 - 10 Attend to dress (4,3)
 - 11 Figure knight succeeded a month earlier (7)
 - 12 Peruse literature about Christian times (4)
 - 13 Swedish star leaving the dress circle (5)
 - 14 Bob needs a riding whip (4)
 - 17 Top-level army conference open to the public (7,7)
 - 19 Patronize slaggards to make good the deficiency (4,2,3,5)
 - 22 Pity the wife of Boaz (4)
 - 23 A key ward (5)
 - 24 Desist from bringing back utensils (4)

- 27 Cry from a native American in school (7)
- 28 Arranged the loan in order to get alcohol (7)
- 29 Encased by warmth in the outhouse (8)
- 30 Space-traveller finds me in bed (5)

- 6 Mention in dispatches for instance (4)
- 7 Shackle produced by Goneril (3-4)
- 8 Make a dress quickly before the big day (3,2)
- 9 If I'm constantly euphoric, I'm done for (3,2,4,2)
- 15 Fawn has to move stealthily (5)
- 16 Some of the pasta shapes stocked by store (5)
- 18 Chaplain who is upwardly mobile (3,5)
- 20 She was worshipped by a king in the country (7)
- 21 An acting award given to many? Quite the opposite (7)
- 22 Stratagems to employ in the Royal Society (5)
- 25 Bobby's route is best (4)
- 26 Elegance is apparent in church icons (4)

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- 1 Truited friend needs to change self-image (5,3)
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- 3 Blast toing and froing! (4)
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Loll (6)
 - 4 Dessert (5)
 - 8 Aromatic herb (5)
 - 9 In brisk tempo (7)
 - 10 Expanded (7)
 - 11 Malay boat (4)
 - 12 Affirmative term (3)
 - 14 Soon (4)
 - 15 Pakistani language (4)
 - 18 The self (3)
 - 21 Split (4)
 - 23 Unexpected hazard (7)
 - 25 Upstart (7)
 - 26 Wants (5)
 - 27 Dark wood (5)
 - 28 Sickle (6)
- DOWN**
- 1 Lustful urge (6)
 - 2 Greek letter (7)
 - 3 Setting agent (8)
 - 4 Old sailor (4)
 - 5 Avid (5)
 - 6 Upper trunk (6)
 - 7 Confectionery (US) (5)
 - 13 Leading note (8)
 - 16 Best beloved (7)
 - 17 Threefold (6)
 - 19 Narcotic drug (5)
 - 20 Parisian palace (8)
 - 22 Do without (5)
 - 24 Raise a tax (4)

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HIGH-TECH

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By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Assist to launch interactive fitness system

Assist Interactive Fitness Ltd. will this fall launch the Fitness Station, an interactive fitness entertainment system. The system allows users of stationary fitness machines, such as treadmills, steppers and bicycles, to hook up to video-based training sessions that are transmitted via a television. The company's exercise simulation programs are designed to provide a variety of workouts as well as a monitoring system that measures the user's progress from workout to workout.

Autodesk ships AutoCad release 14 software

Autodesk recently sponsored a local press conference to announce the release of its AutoCad release 14 software. The design and drafting software, which runs on Windows and Windows 95, was created to provide faster performance, built-in tools for publishing original drawings on the World Wide Web and quicker access to frequently used commands. AutoCad is available in Hebrew, French, Spanish and Traditional Chinese.

Crystal Systems announces deal with Ford

Crystal Systems Solutions Ltd., a developer of conversion software for mainframe computer systems, recently announced that it had signed a deal with the Ford Motor Company of Dearborn, Michigan. The agreement will enable Ford to use C-MILL, Crystal Systems Solutions' Year-2000 Millennium Conversion Methodology worldwide. Crystal Systems Solutions' automated millennium solution is designed for information systems in the IBM MVS mainframe environment. The software tools are used to solve the widespread problems caused by the inability of certain information systems to properly interpret dates for the year 2000 and beyond.

Emulek gets \$1m. from Simon and Weisel

Simon and Weisel, one of Israel's largest insurance agencies, has invested \$1 million in Emulek, a computer software developer for the image generation market. The Simon and Weisel investment was part of a private round of investment, intended to strengthen Emulek's financial structure.

Laser Industries receives three patents

Laser Industries Ltd. has recently been issued three patents for laser products and applications. The patents were granted for the company's laser skin resurfacing methods, scar treatments and proprietary technology used in the company's SilkTouch and FeatherTouch laser dermatology procedures.

Based in Tel Aviv, Laser Industries designs a range of surgical laser systems for use in a variety of medical applications.

NKO raises \$4.35m. in private placement

NKO, a two-year-old subsidiary of Clalcom, raised \$4.35m. in a private placement. The investors included Ampal, Dovrat-Sheira, the Moffet Fund and Link, a Japanese fund. In addition, Clalcom also announced that it will invest \$2.175m. The money will be used to lay a distribution foundation in the US for the company's Internet and communication systems products.

Scitex to incorporate Adobe technologies

Scitex yesterday announced that it will incorporate Adobe Systems' technologies into its digital printers. Earlier in the week Scitex announced the release of its EverSmart and EverSmart Pro scanners. The scanners are part of the company's strategy to improve its graphic arts business. In May, an analyst at Prudential Securities raised the company's rating from "hold" to "buy."

El Al banned on 3 US routes

Washington retaliates for block on Tower flights via Athens

By HAIM SHAPIRO

The US Department of Transportation (DOP) on Wednesday banned El Al from making scheduled flights to three American airports in response to the refusal of the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) to allow Tower Air, an American company, to fly to Israel via Athens.

The ban by the American authorities is on direct flights by El Al to Florida's Orlando, Washington/Baltimore and Dallas/Fort Worth. But it will primarily affect El Al's direct flights to Orlando, which it had scheduled for the summer months. El Al has promised that it will continue to provide service to the Florida resort town at previously advertised prices.

The issue came to a head after the CAA had ruled that an application by Tower to fly to Israel, with an intermediate stop in Athens, had arrived late. The CAA thus gave Tower permission to begin the route, but only in October, after the peak summer season. In making its ruling, CAA head Menahem Sharon argued that, in an earlier decision, the DOP had ruled that an application by El Al to fly to San Francisco had been late, and therefore delayed granting the Israeli airline this right.

In his decision, Charles Hunnicutt, US Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, noted that the proposed service by Tower via Athens, was a bilateral right provided for in the US-Israel

air transport agreement. In the past, TWA had used this same route. Permission to El Al to fly to the three airports had been granted to the airline as a privilege which went beyond the bilateral agreement.

Hunnicutt also noted that the decision had been taken after US government efforts through diplomatic channels had failed to change the Israeli government's decision. In an effort to resolve the dispute, US Ambassador Martin Indyk had asked for an urgent meeting with Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy. Levy, however, scheduled the meeting for next week, long after the US deadline, set for last weekend.

In response, El Al spokesman Nachman Kleiman said yesterday El Al would honor

its commitments to fly passengers to Orlando and Baltimore, though it will have to do so by first landing in New York, and providing connecting flights on its subsidiary, North American Airlines.

As a result, all passengers to Orlando or Baltimore will have to collect their luggage in New York and pass through customs before the baggage is sent on to its final destination. Kleiman promised, however, that the passengers would leave from the same New York terminal at which they arrive.

Tower Israel director Sabina Biran said that she was sorry that the situation had reached this point and she hoped that Tower would soon be able to begin its flights via Athens.



Doctor's device

Dr. Bruce Cornell holds an array of micro-electrodes on a glass slide in Sydney yesterday. The device promises to revolutionize the diagnosis of disease. It is coated with an artificial membrane containing "nanomachines," designed to detect substances that are one millionth of a millimeter in size - so small they cannot be seen with an electron microscope. When it becomes commercially available, the ultra-sensitive nanomachine will allow doctors to conduct their own tests for virtually all known diseases while patients wait a few minutes after supplying a drop of blood or saliva.

(Reuters)

Demand strong for Comfy IPO

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Comfy Interactive Movies Ltd., a developer of hardware and software for children, yesterday raised NIS 100 million in an initial public offering on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange that was 33 percent oversubscribed.

The offering, which was the largest high-tech offering ever recorded on the TASE, was underwritten by Societe Generale, Lider Underwriters Ltd. and IBI and was 1.3 times oversubscribed.

Comfy's sales totaled \$3.8m. last year and the company's post-IPO valuation totaled \$100m.

Eighty percent of the buyers were foreign investors. Institutional investors from abroad pre-committed to purchasing half the Comfy share flotation, sold by Societe Generale Equities International.

While smaller high-tech companies have recently gone public on the TASE, Comfy pitched the IPO as an effort to "bring high-tech home." The vast majority of Israel's public high-tech companies trade on New York's Nasdaq exchange. Nine companies went public on London's Alternative Investment Market since it opened last year.

Comfy founder Itai Kohavi said the TASE was the appropriate exchange because the company's distribution base is here and Israelis are familiar with its products.

Comfy's IPO follows two other successful offerings that took place on the TASE this week. On Wednesday, Solel Boneh's IPO registered the most oversubscribed offering since the stock market downturn in 1993. The company raised NIS 83m. on orders totalling NIS 3.7b. Beitil, the home furnishing chain, raised NIS 10m. earlier in the week.

Central bank considers capital-inflow tax

By DAVID HARRIS

Senior Bank of Israel officials are examining the possibility of taxing capital inflows as one way of offsetting the rapid growth of incoming foreign exchange, a senior bank source said yesterday.

The inflows, which already have resulted in a record \$16 billion foreign currency reserve, are fueled by the Bank of Israel's relatively high interest rates, and the imbalance between inflation and the shekel's relatively solid exchange rate.

The bank is looking at steps taken in countries whose central banks are responsible for both achieving inflation targets and operating an exchange rate mechanism similar to that of Israel, according to the source.

Those states - which include Chile, Colombia, and some nations in the Far East - have used several methods to tackle problems caused by trying to keep inflation down, while buying and selling foreign currency to ensure their own currency stays within their self-prescribed limits.

Among the methods adopted have been:

- Taxing incoming foreign capi-

tal. This is regarded by most relevant parties in Israel as the least favored method, although the Manufacturers Association recently suggested a 0.5 percent levy. While it would stem the flow of foreign currency into the country, it is seen as being an anti-liberalization measure, and as such flies in the face of government and central bank policy. While the possibility is being debated in the bank, monetary department head David Klein recently expressed his opposition to the idea.

"Tightening fiscal policy. While the government has already committed itself to this course of action, the bank is demanding the Treasury achieve its 1997 target of a budget deficit of 2.8% of gross product. In other countries, surpluses have been achieved in order to temper the problem.

"Liberalizing the import and export of money, and easing restrictions on the currency markets. There is a nine-month-old dispute between the Treasury and Bank of Israel as to the speed and extent of measures to be implemented. The central bank favors full and immediate liberalization, while the Treasury is toying a more cautious line, on which it has

yet to elaborate. "This is the best time, when there is a sizable amount of foreign currency here coupled with a low exchange rate," said one source.

"Relaxing currency exchange controls. The central bank is now considering the need to widen the diagonal mechanism's trading bands, according to the source, but the final decision on that lies with the government, he added.

The diagonal axis around which all shekel trading revolves, reflects the difference between Israel's inflation annual target and its major trading partners' expected rates of inflation. It is currently geared toward an annual 6% depreciation of the shekel in relation to the central bank's basket of major foreign currencies, and allows for a 7% appreciation or depreciation from the middle point of the axis.

So far Finance Minister Dan Meridor has rejected the possibility of widening the existing bands on the basis this would lead to a revaluation of the shekel. The central bank, however, argues this would only be the short-term consequence. Additionally, said the source, the change would give more flexibility for the currency to

act without bank intervention. All these are being considered as possible solutions to the loss the bank is suffering by buying foreign currency to ensure the diagonal remains in its current limits.

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Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (5.5.97)

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Japanese yen (100)	0.5798	0.5892	0.56	0.60	0.5832
Dutch guilder	2.9215	2.9887	2.87	3.01	2.9502
Swiss franc	1.7382	1.7673	1.70	1.80	1.7547
Spanish peseta	2.3428	2.3804	2.30	2.42	2.3630
Swedish krona	0.4388	0.4437	0.42	0.45	0.4404
Norwegian krona	0.4714	0.4791	0.46	0.49	0.4758
Danish krone	0.5136	0.5221	0.50	0.53	0.5188
Finnish mark	0.6514	0.6620	0.64	0.68	0.6575
Canadian dollar	2.4541	2.4887	2.41	2.53	2.4781
Australian dollar	2.5850	2.6064	2.52	2.65	2.5930
S. African rand	0.7538	0.7680	0.68	0.77	0.7810
Belgian franc (10)	0.9483	0.9636	0.83	0.98	0.9589
Austrian schilling (10)	2.7610	2.8259	2.73	2.87	2.8053
Italian lira (1,000)	1.9889	2.0220	1.85	2.06	2.0081
Japanese yen	4.7855	4.8424	4.70	5.03	4.8048
Jordanian dinar	0.9800	1.0200	0.98	1.05	1.0745
Egyptian pound	3.8188	3.8774	-	-	3.8495
Irish punt	5.0350	5.1163	4.94	5.19	5.0787
Spanish peseta (100)	2.3144	2.3518	2.27	2.39	2.3373

*These rates vary according to bank. **Bank of Israel. SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

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By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

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"The agreement is another major milestone in TTL's growing global presence," Haim Rosen, CEO of the company, said in a statement.

Over the last several months Tadiran Telecommunications announced that it had received orders from telecommunications providers in Belgium, Jamaica, and Argentina.

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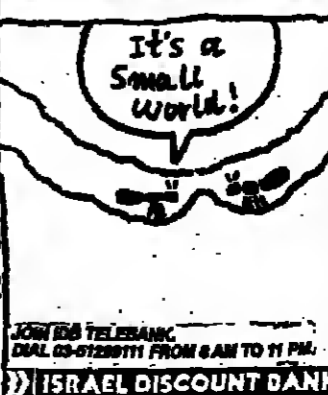
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GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Qatar economic summit will proceed

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - Despite pressure from Syria to cancel or postpone the region's major economic summit, the event will proceed as planned, American and Arab officials stated here.

The Middle East-North Africa economic conference is scheduled for November 16-18 in Doha, Qatar. The emirate has already spent \$40 million for construction of a conference center, for vehicle leasing, and for four ships that will serve as floating hotels to accommodate the several thousand business and governmental delegates expected to attend, the officials said.

US sources revealed that Cairo will likely host an intra-Arab summit in the fall, although Qatar's Foreign Minister Hamad bin-Jassim bin-Jabr al-Thani reportedly told a visiting American government delegation two weeks ago that it is not meant to counter the Doha conference.

"I'm reassured from what I heard out there. People have some reservations because of the political environment, because of what's been happening, but prepa-

rations [are] going full-steam ahead," a Commerce Department official said.

A senior Persian Gulf diplomat said that Syria has been "lobbying" against the Doha conference, but that Qatar is "going ahead with the summit," although it is assuming risks by doing so.

The Israeli-Palestinian stalemate is "making it very hard" for Qatar to proceed because "the perception now is that Israel doesn't want to move ahead," he said.

The summit and developing the region's business potential will be a major focus of the visit here next week of Qatar's new emir, Sheikh Hamad bin-Khalifa al-Thani, who deposed his father. On Monday, he will be in New York to address a Council on Foreign Relations seminar, and he will meet with President Bill Clinton here on Wednesday.

The annual economic summit follows the three previous ones held in Casablanca, Amman, and Cairo. The US and Israel see the event as a crucial vehicle in normalizing relations in the region and stimulating economic development both within the region and with the industrialized world.

Striking psychologists offered 15% raise

By JUDY SIEGEL

After striking for nearly three weeks, public-sector psychologists have been offered a 15 percent wage hike, and Health Minister Yehoshua Matza has called on them to return to work.

But the psychologists turned his proposal down, arguing that the proposed increase is not enough, considering that they're among the best-educated and lowest-paid workers in the public service.

In a meeting with union representatives yesterday, Matza promised to fight for them in their struggle with the Treasury for higher pay and improved working conditions.

"I understand your distress," he said, adding that the way they have been treated has tarnished the image of "this important and dedicated profession."

The message of the strike, however, "has gotten through [to the Treasury], and as a result, a 15% wage increase has been proposed," Matza said.

Last week, Treasury officials said they sympathized with the psychologists, but "could not grant wage hikes until negotiations over a new public sector collective agreement begin in October."

Nearly all of the psychologists fill half-time positions in the Health Ministry and Kupat Holim Clalit. Because their salaries are so meager, they try to make ends meet with free-lance jobs elsewhere.

Meanwhile, patients say they're beginning to become anxious and desperate. "We're having group pep talks with social workers, but it certainly isn't the same," said M., a paranoid schizophrenic at the Maon Yerushalayim hostel. "You can't talk about your problems in a group the way you can privately with a psychologist."

M., 53, who became ill in 1986, says his therapist earns NIS 2,200 a month. "I'm all for him and the rest of the psychologists. They do very important work - no less important than doctors, teachers, and social workers, but they earn much less. So even if we have to suffer until their demands are met by the Treasury, we support them."

M. had two weekly sessions with his therapist for five months before the strike. "They really helped me, more than the medications I'm taking."

M. said that the therapist even called him from home during the strike to give him some encouragement.



Gay and proud in Jerusalem

Students applaud a speaker at yesterday's First National Conference of Gay and Lesbian Students, which took place at the Hebrew University's Mt. Scopus campus. (Brian Henders)

Russian Sabbatarians allowed to stay as temporary residents

By HAIM SHAPIRO

A group of Russian Sabbatarians, Christians who observe Shabbat and many other Jewish customs but retain a belief in Jesus, lived in Israel for up to seven years before the Interior Ministry realized they are not Jews, a senior ministry official said yesterday.

According to reports yesterday, the Sabbatarians, about 130 in number, are now the sole inhabitants of Yitav, a settlement in the Jordan Valley. Bitya Karmon, head of the ministry's visa department, said that although others were registered as living in Yitav, all the Jewish residents had left and were renting their homes to the Sabbatarians.

Karmon said that her department is now checking the documents of the members of the community, whom she suspects entered Israel by producing

forged birth certificates, documenting them as Jews. She said she had questioned one elderly woman who told her that she had simply asked the Russian authorities for a birth certificate listing her as a Jew.

Most of the Sabbatarians arrived six or seven years ago, although a few had arrived as recently as two years ago, she said. In the early 1990s, Karmon said, there had been considerable innocence among Israeli officials, who were enthusiastic about the arrival of so many Jews from the former Soviet Union and who had not previously experienced many non-Jews trying to enter as Jews.

Because the Sabbatarians have lived in Israel for some time, she added, they will not be deported, but their citizenship will be revoked. They will be allowed to stay as temporary residents, she said.

MDA, Palestinian Red Crescent pledge closer cooperation

By JUDY SIEGEL

Despite continuing tensions between Israel and the Palestinian Authority, the relationship between Magen David Adom and the Palestinian Red Crescent Society has never been warmer. The presidents of the two organizations met Wednesday and agreed to cooperate on a number of projects and to consult with each other on a regular basis.

MDA president Dr. Shlomi Antebi received an urgent call this week from PRC's president Dr. Fathi Arafat (brother of PA Chairman Yasser Arafat) asking him to meet in Al-Bireh. Antebi immediately agreed.

"The meeting was very successful and creative," he said afterward. "It was agreed that we will consult regularly without taking into consideration the existing political situation."

Arafat, a pediatrician, asked that MDA organize a course for 25 Palestinian ambulance drivers and another on emergency medicine for a similar number of physicians. He also asked for written material used in MDA's courses and help for increasing public awareness in the Palestinian sector on the use of emergency medical services.

The two organizations agreed to cooperate when ambulances are called to treat accident victims on

roads running between Israeli and Palestinian territory.

Arafat accepted Antebi's proposal to equip PRC's ambulances with the same resuscitation equipment found on MDA ambulances, so that lives could be saved when patients are transferred between them.

The two will soon travel together to Oslo at the invitation of Norway's Red Cross, where they will hold joint meetings on cooperation.

Arafat will soon visit the Beit Loewinstein Rehabilitation Hospital in Ra'anana, as well as other MDA facilities in various parts of Israel, to learn first-hand about its operations.

Chinese generals end visit

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Senior generals from China wind up a five-day visit with the IDF today. During their stay, they were given a thorough review of the IDF's logistics and technology branch.

The officers included Lt.-Gen. Wang Tailan, the deputy chief of staff of logistics of the Chinese army, and five other senior generals, the IDF said.

As guest of OC Logistics and Technology Maj.-Gen. Amiaz Sagis, the delegation also met with Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, Minister of Agriculture Rafael Eitan, and defense officials.

The US has expressed its displeasure at the warming military ties between Israel and China and the visit coincidentally coincided with the biannual strategic talks between Israel and the US.

Since the Chinese army produces all of its own food, the delegation also visited the Volcani Institute and received information on Israel's high-tech farming practices.

MIRACLE

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The miracle was not only the physical salvation of the country's residents, Brodt said, but also the return to the biblical heartland. "The very fact that there were no plans to liberate Jerusalem and Judea and Samaria, but that they were given to us, is a miracle."

The passing of 30 years, years that have witnessed the infada and the gradual relinquishing of a large part of the territories, does not diminish the miracle in Brodt's eyes. "God provided us with a miracle, but we have free choice to do with it," he said.

"The decision to transfer parts of this gift to our enemies is a tragedy, but does not detract anything from the original miracle. Let's say someone tries to commit suicide, and jumps from a 10th floor window and survives. That is a miracle. If he jumps again, and this time kills himself, it doesn't negate the first miracle."

"On the first day of the war he went to have a feast, and when he kept the lights on during the feast, representatives from the military police said he would have to turn off the lights in his house because of the danger of Egyptian bombing runs. He said there would be no bombing runs, and that salvation will come because of the country's unity. They didn't believe him at the moment, but he was right."

WHILE Eicher said the war and conquest of the territories had nothing to do with future redemption of the Jewish people, Rabbi Elyakim Levanon, a leading figure in the Forum of Rabbis in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, said that the war was an integral part in the process of Jewish redemption. "It was yet another stage in the process of redemption," Levanon, rabbi of Elon Moreh, said.

He was somewhat hesitant to use the word miracle, because so much - in his eyes - is miraculous. "The birth of a baby is a miracle, but if you use the same term in connection with the war as you do in talking about a birth, you are not doing the concept justice."

Rabbi Eliezer Melamed, the secretary of the rabbinical forum and the rabbi of the settlement of Bracha, said the miracle of the war was first and foremost that it brought Jews back to Eretz Yisrael's heartland. As well as being a miracle, he said, it was also a sign that Israel indeed marks the beginning of the Redemption.

The process, he said, is a long drawn-out one, a process that has peaks and valleys. The Six Day War was a peak, Melamed said, the concessions provided for by the Oslo accords are the valleys.

Not everyone in the national religious camp shares this interpretation. Rabbi Yehuda Amital, the dean of the Ohr Etzion yeshiva and head of Meirad, refrained from calling the war a miracle. Rather, he said "it was a combination of Divine Providence and human involvement."

The war was not a miracle in the sense that the parting of the Red Sea was a miracle, or the story of Hanukka, Amital said. Rather, it was more on par with the Purim story - an example of God pulling strings behind the scenes to save His people. Like Maiya and Eicher, Amital also said the Divine act during the war was the fact that the country was saved from physical destruction, not the conquest of eastern Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria.

"For two weeks he fasted and prayed before the war," Maiya said.

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Children's camps and trips for the elderly

By BEVERLEE BLACK

Now that school is almost over, social-welfare workers are asking us to help subsidize summer day camps at community centers and schools.

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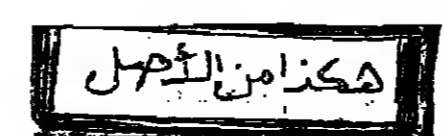
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Hingis, Majoli in final showdown

Read the fine print

Harazi to play with Salamanca after all

By ORI LEWIS

A legal oversight by Roanen Harazi and his attorney, Shai Porat, have prevented the player from making his intended move to Belgium's Anderlecht.

The problem came to light when a letter of intent signed between Harazi and Spanish second division club Salamanca was presented to Anderlecht, who realized that the Betar Jerusalem star had committed himself to playing with the Spanish club for the next three seasons.

"Under the circumstances, I will have to honor my commitment to Salamanca," Harazi told Israel Radio from Belgium yesterday. "Had I realized that I had made a firm commitment to the Spanish club, I would not have gone to Belgium," he continued.

Harazi returned from Spain on Monday, and the next day left for Belgium, who had asked him to come quickly to sign a contract.

I went to Belgium, assuming that the document I had signed was a letter of intent, and not a binding agreement. But Anderlecht's legal adviser pointed out that I had indeed committed myself to Salamanca, and I will honor it," Harazi stated.

Anderlecht had been toying for several months with the idea of signing Harazi, but their indecisiveness prompted him to seek an alternative European club.

Salamanca, who are hopeful of gaining promotion to the Spanish first division, offered him a three-year contract said to be worth \$1 million. But Harazi's wife, Ayelet, and national team coach Shlomo Scharf and Ronnie Rosenthal, who played in Belgium for FC Bruges and Standard Liege, persuaded Harazi to opt for Anderlecht.

"Salamanca's offer was much better, but some things are more important than money and that is

why I wanted to play in Belgium," Harazi said.

His wife, who is about to give birth, preferred to live in a city with a sizable Jewish community. The picturesque city of Salamanca, east of Madrid, is not known to have a Jewish community at all.

Salamanca coach Andoni Goicoechea told Israel Radio he was happy to have Harazi with the club. "I had an idea that Harazi was a good player, but after hearing that Anderlecht wanted him, I am sure he is a good player," he said.

Salamanca will know by the middle of the month whether they have gained promotion.

National squads arrive in Moscow

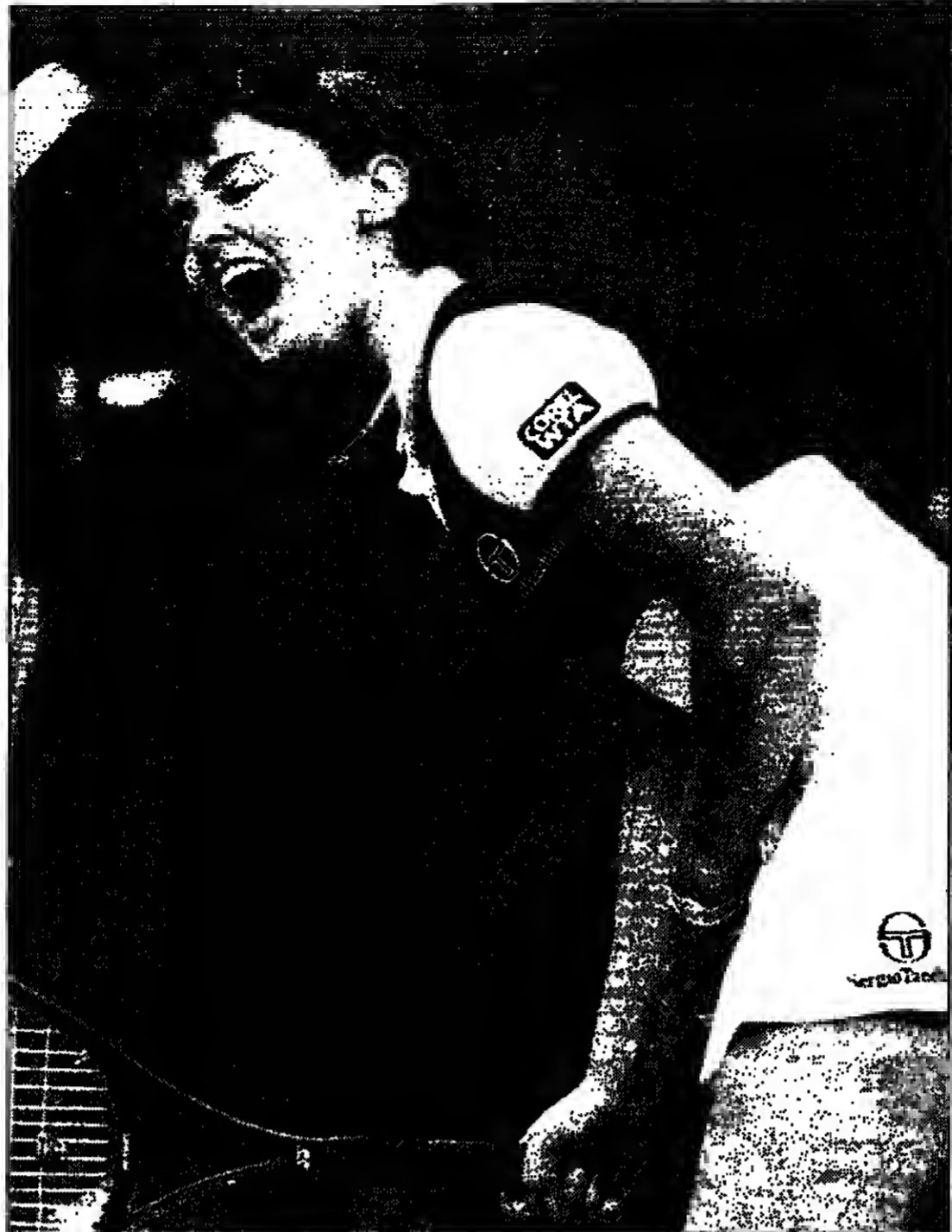
The national and under-21 soccer squads arrived in Moscow in the early hours of yesterday morning ahead of their respective World Cup and European Championship qualifying matches with Russia.

Coach Shlomo Scharf is not happy with his team's level of readiness for Sunday's match, and feels the players will not be fit enough to take on the powerful Russians, who have not lost at home for over a decade.

I will be happy if we manage to come away with a goalless draw," Scharf said before the contingent left for Russia.

Another worry for Israel is the poor state of the Dynamo Moscow stadium pitch. Scharf's assistant, Yitzhak Shum, said this will prompt Israel to try and score from set piece situations, a predicament which may persuade the coach to open with Itzik Zohar. A defensive lineup is expected, however, as Israel try to steal a goal and prevent the Russians from forging a substantial lead.

Israel is presently top of Group 5, but the Russians have a game in hand.



MAKING HER POINT - Martina Hingis lets out a holler after defeating Monica Seles in a French Open semifinal match yesterday.

PARIS (Reuters) - Martina Hingis offered Monica Seles a flashback to her own pre-stabbing days as the 16-year-old wonder girl of women's tennis by reaching her first French Open final with a nerveless semifinal display yesterday.

Despite dropping the first set of a fluctuating encounter which spanned two hours 17 minutes, the Swiss World No. 1 kept her cool to complete a 6-7, 7-5, 6-4 victory which extended her unbeaten record this year to 37 matches.

She now faces Croatia's Iva Majoli, a 6-3, 4-6, 7-5 semifinal winner over South African Amanda Coetzer, in tomorrow's final with every prospect of becoming the youngest player in history to collect two grand slam singles titles.

Charlotte "Lottie" Dod was a little over a month older when she claimed her second Wimbledon title in 1886.

Seles was barely two months younger than Hingis when she won the first of her three French titles at Roland Garros in 1990 but was 17 when she won her second grand slam crown and has now met the Swiss teenager four times and lost each time.

The Yugoslav-born American managed to establish a handy platform for herself by taking the first set tie-break 7-2 but did not quite have the firepower and stamina of old to prevent Hingis from reasserting her current dominance in the women's game.

The only woman in Open era history to have started a year better is Steffi Graf, who still leads the way with her 45 straight wins in 1987, but Hingis's immediate target is to round off an increasingly impressive French fortnight.

Majoli is unlikely to provide a more testing examination than Seles, beaten in only one of her previous 14 grand slam semifinals, did on a blustery afternoon.

"I didn't feel that well physically in the third set but I managed to stay calm and concentrate on winning points," said Hingis, admitting she was "almost shaking" towards the end as she battled to complete the job.

"It's just great to be in the final. I've never been so happy after a match point in my life," she added, clearly weary in the immediate aftermath of the match.

"I didn't play too good in the first set and I don't feel 100 percent. I was almost shaking because I didn't want to lose. This is one of my favorite tournaments and I won the junior title here twice. Now I hope I can win it."

With a blue streak in her dark hair and imaginatively painted fingernails, Hingis's teenage fashion instincts are clearly emerging but, playing tennis the way she does, she is destined to stand out whatever style she adopts.

Seles, whose best chance probably vanished when she netted a forehand smash at the net on break point to give Hingis a 6-5 lead in the second set, was suitably impressed by her opponent and acknowledged that a new era in women's tennis might have dawned.

"Only time will tell, you can't predict too much, but the way she's playing is just amazing," said Seles, who will rise to No. 2 in the world next week despite her defeat.

"She's tough mentally, she's very quick ... she's just good everywhere. You also really don't see too much nervousness, which is great to see. She's obviously enjoying herself on and off the court."

As for her own game, Seles knows there is now room for improvement. "I don't have the strength and intensity of shots I used to have," she said.

Men's semifinals

In today's matches, Filip Dewulf of Belgium faces Brazil's Gustavo Kuerten, and Patrick Rafter of Australia takes on 16th-seed Sergi Bruguera of Spain.

England take early control of First Test

BIRMINGHAM (Reuters) - Nasser Hussain and Graham Thorpe guided England into a strong position on the opening day of the First Test after their bowlers routed Australia for just 118 at Edgbaston yesterday.

England's three-pronged seam attack destroyed Australia's batting line-up, with Andy Caddick returning the best figures of five for 50. Darren Gough picked up three wickets, while Devon Malcolm picked up the other two.

The tourists at one stage looked unlikely to reach 100, crashing to 54 for eight, before leg-spinner Shane Warne hit a lusty 47 to carry them into triple figures.

England also made a tentative start, slipping to 50 for three before Thorpe (83 not out) and Hussain (80 not out) guided the hosts to 200 for three at the close.

Australian captain Mark Taylor's personal demons continued to haunt him as he was dismissed for

seven, after he won the toss. There was variable bounce at a venue under threat of losing its Test status if the pitch standard did not improve. Once the early sunshine disappeared, cloud cover and a humid atmosphere also assisted the bowlers.

Australia were never in danger of failing to reach their lowest score at Edgbaston - 36 in 1902 - but they would not have reached 100 without Warne's spirited knock at the end of the innings.

England survived a minor crisis when they lost openers Michael Atherton and Mark Butcher for 16 in the first four overs.

Wicketkeeper Ian Healy's catches saw them both off, Atherton (two) receiving a fine ball from Glenn McGrath and Butcher (eight) giving Mike Kasprovicz his first wicket in test cricket.

Alce Stewart went as well, top-edging Jason Gillespie high to slip for 18.

Australia, 1st Innings	
Mark Taylor c Butcher b Malcolm	7
Matthew Elliott b Gough	4
Greg Blewett c Hussain b Gough	7
Mark Waugh b Gough	5
Steve Waugh c Stewart b Caddick	12
Michael Bevan c Callum b Malcolm	8
Ian Healy c Stewart b Caddick	0
Jason Gillespie lbw b Caddick	4
Shane Warne c Malcolm b Caddick	47
Glenn Kasprovicz c Butcher b Caddick	17
Michael McGrath not out	4
Extras (2b, 2w)	4
TOTAL:	118 all out
Fall of wickets:	11, 15, 24, 28, 48, 48, 54, 110, 118.
Bowling:	Darren Gough 10-1-43-3 (Inn, 2w), Devon Malcolm 10-2-25-2, Andrew Caddick 11.5-1-50-5 (Inn).
Batting time:	150 minutes. Overs: 31.5

England, 1st Innings	
Mark Butcher c Healy b Kasprovicz	8
Michael Atherton c Healy b McGrath	7
Alce Stewart c Elliott b Gillespie	2
Nasser Hussain not out	80
Graham Thorpe not out	83
Extras (3lb, 5wb, lb)	9
TOTAL:	200 runs for 3 wickets
Fall of wickets:	8, 16, 50.
To bat:	John Crawley, Mark Callam, Darren Gough, Robert Croft, Andrew Caddick and Devon Malcolm.
Bowling:	Glenn McGrath 14.3-57-1 (Inn), Michael Kasprovicz 15.3-38-1 (Inn, lb), Jason Gillespie 10.1-48-1 (Inn), Shane Warne 14.3-44-0, Michael Bevan 2.0-10-0, Steve Waugh 1.1-0-0.
Batting time:	231 minutes. Overs: 56.

CHICAGO (AP) - Michael Jordan might have played his last game in Chicago. If so, he picked a great way to go.

He scored 38 points. He grabbed 13 rebounds. He dished out nine assists. He had two steals as part of a defense that stifled the Utah Jazz. He had another in a long line of "I can't believe he did that!" moves. He again upstaged an embarrassed Karl Malone.

Most importantly, Jordan led the Bulls to a 97-85 victory Wednesday night, giving them a 2-0 lead in the NBA Finals.

"Every time he got the ball, he was looking to score," Utah's Shandon Anderson said. "He

Jordan upstages Malone

seemed like he was on some sort of mission."

Just two more victories and Jordan will have carried the Bulls to their fifth championship in seven years. Games 3 and 4 are today and Sunday in Salt Lake City.

Utah coach Jerry Sloan said, "I thought we were intimidated right from the beginning. We have to think about how important it is for us to compete ... and not let someone destroy our will to win."

Jordan's Game 1 buzzer-beater

seemed to carry over to Game 2, and he's confident there will be another carryover to Friday night.

"We have great momentum," he said. "I hope we can maintain that

TV coverage

Cable Sports Channel 5 has announced its intention to broadcast live Game 3 of the NBA Finals at 3:45 a.m. tomorrow.

in Utah, and take the crowd out of the game. We've been a great road team, and I anticipate that happening once again.

If Chicago wraps it up in Utah, the questions about the Bulls' future will really start being asked.

Will coach Phil Jackson return? If not, will the 34-year-old Jordan make good on his threat to retire, even if he is offered an obscene salary to return? Was Wednesday the last Chicago flight of Air Jordan?

Whether fans never get to see him again at the United Center, Jordan gave them something to remember him by.

He had nine points and three assists, figuring in every Chicago basket, during a 17-10 first-quarter burst that put the Bulls in command.

He scored his 14th and 15th points on his eighth rebound midway through the second quarter, when Utah tied a finals record for futility with only 11 points as Chicago took a 47-31 halftime lead.

"When Michael has those outbursts early," teammate Steve Kerr said, "you know it is going to be a long night for the other team."

OPINION

Michael Johnson really was a chicken

By JOSEPH HOFFMAN

Donovan Bailey called Michael Johnson a chicken and accused him of faking an injury, which prevented him from finishing the 150-meter sprint to determine "the world's fastest human" at Toronto's Skydome on Sunday.

He was right on all counts, and it was a shame that pressure made him apologize. It might have been the charitable thing to do, but he was bang on in his assessment.

When a runner pulls up lame, there are only two reasonable causes. One, he trained poorly and was not yet loose and limber enough; or two, his race strategy was flawed and he peaked too soon.

Neither one will wash with Johnson. A world-class runner, winner of the 200- and 400-meter races at the Atlanta Games, record setter in the former, he knows how to train and to pace himself. There's no way that his preparations could have been faulty,

especially since he was the major hypster in the creation of this non-event.

He was the one who wanted to challenge the tradition which claims that the fastest man-in-the-world status goes to the 100-meter champion (not to mention that Bailey's Olympic time of 9.84 was a world record to boot).

When Johnson saw he was going to lose - or in Bailey's words, "when he saw my butt getting smaller and smaller" - he couldn't bear to be soundly beaten, couldn't take the humiliation, so he invented his injury. Not a gracious loser, all he could see was disgrace.

The feud became even more ludicrous when Johnson's coach Clyde Hart intimated that Bailey had been looking to deliberately try and get Johnson injured.

He didn't specify. Perhaps he thought that Bailey was trying to knock Johnson onto the cinders (a difficult task because they were running stride-for-stride for only a second or two). Maybe he intends to blame the

entire Canadian government for planting pot holes in Johnson's lane.

Following the match, it was announced that Johnson probably will be sidelined 2-4 weeks, and may even miss the upcoming US Championships at Indianapolis, where the American team will be determined for the World Championships in August.

Count on Johnson to make a "miraculous" recovery.

Not far from this ignominy is Steffi Graf. She too couldn't bear losing to Martina Hingis at the Australian Open and opted out rather than lose her No. 1 standings (which happened anyway.) Everyone talks about Steffi's back and knee problems or about the distractions of her father's tax evasion trial.

What they failed to see (or say) was that Steffi preferred not to compete rather than be beaten. A world No. 1 has to play through pain. If she's not flat on her back, then it's her duty to compete. She owes it to

No. 2 on down.

Meanwhile, Martina Hingis fell off a horse, underwent foot surgery and then came back to demolish everyone in her path. "Today I was perfect. Yesterday I was perfect and tomorrow too." A new mantra.

The same writers who show sympathy for Steffi have scorn for Martina. She's too cocky, too obnoxious. She doesn't praise her defeated opponents enough.

Rubbish. She knows how good she is, a supremely confident 16-year-old who has the tennis world in her hip pocket. When Martina loses, she'll shrug it off and win the next one. In Steffi's case, she's nearing the end of her career and should concentrate on bowing out gracefully. In Johnson's case, he is a victim of his own hype. That's what happens when you wear golden shoes at the Olympics.

Smashnova in 3rd round

By HEATHER CHAIT

Israel's top two women tennis players - Anna Smashnova and Ilya Rosen - have reached the third round of a \$50,000 challenge tournament in Tashkent.

In the first round, Smashnova upset the top seed Sylvia Plischke from Austria, 139 in the world rankings, 7-6, 3-6, 7-6 and continued to beat fellow Israeli Limor Gabai 6-4, 7-5 in the second round.

Rosen beat Spain's Alicia Ortuna 7-5, 1-6, 7-6 in the first round and then subdued her second-round German opponent Isabel Quast 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Today Smashnova faces a Russian player and Rosen will meet a Swiss opponent.

Sports Editors: Joseph Hoffman and Ori Lewis

Padres' Finley beats Rockies with bat and glove

DENVER (AP) - San Diego Padres' center fielder Steve Finley doubled, tripled and homered against Colorado, driving in four runs. His defense was even better.

"He's one of the more underrated players in the league," San Diego manager Bruce Bochy said after Finley led the Padres over the Colorado Rockies 7-5 at Coors Field on Wednesday night.

Finley made a diving catch in right-center to snuff a seventh-inning rally and also had a sprawling catch to end another threat in the ninth.

"In this ballpark, you have to play deep, which makes the gaps bigger," Finley said. "There's not too many times when you get defensive opportunities like that here."

Finley's ninth-inning catch ended the game, giving Doug Borchert his second save. But it paled in comparison to his diving grab that robbed Dante Bichette in

the seventh, ending that inning and saving a run.

"When you have a guy who can run like that in the outfield, you have to make them put the ball in play," Borchert said. "That's all I did, and Finley did the rest."

Wally Joyner drove in three runs as San Diego won its sixth straight.

Rookie Will Cunnane (4-1) overcame a three-run homer by Bichette in the first to pitch six solid innings.

San Diego scored three runs on four hits in each of the first two innings off Roger Bailey (5-5), taking a 6-3 lead.

Martina 5, Mets 2 Bobby Bonilla scored the go-ahead run in his return to Shea Stadium, and Pat Rapp (4-2) allowed five hits in eight innings. Bonitta, who played for Baltimore for one-and-a-half years before signing on as a free agent with Florida, singled with

one out in the sixth, took third on Jim Eisenreich's double and scored on Charles Johnson's groundout for a 3-2 lead.

Dave Mlicki (1-5) gave up three runs and seven hits in eight innings.

Braves 6, Expos 3 Tom Glavine (6-3) allowed seven hits in 8 1/3 innings and singled to start a three-run rally in the fifth at Montreal.

Glavine struck out six, walked one and left after giving up a one-out double to Vladimir Guerrero in the ninth. Glavine also went 2-for-3 at the plate and won his ninth straight decision against Montreal.

Dodgers 5, Giants 1 Ramon Martinez (5-3) won his seventh consecutive decision against San Francisco, allowing five hits in seven innings and striking out nine. Mike Piazza backed him with a 454-foot homer at Dodger Stadium.

Jeff Kent, who leads the Giants with 11 homers and 48 RBIs, left in the fourth with a bruised left wrist after being hit by a fastball from Martinez.

Keith Foulke (0-1) allowed four runs and six hits in six innings.

AMERICAN LEAGUE Orioles 9, Yankees 7 Rafael Palmeiro did in visiting New York a second straight night, doubling in the go-ahead runs in the seventh inning as the Baltimore Orioles completed another two-game sweep of the defending world champions. Cal Ripken homered and Chris Hoiles had two RBIs for the Orioles, who extended their winning streak to a season-high seven games.

Baltimore moved 9 1/2 games ahead of the second-place Yankees in the AL East, its biggest lead since September 1979.

White Sox 9, Indians 4 Alben Belle laid another loud whack on his former team with a

two-run double and James Baldwin allowed two hits in seven innings as Chicago won on the road.

Belle, who homered Tuesday in his first game as a visiting player

at Jacobs Field, was 1-for-3 with three RBIs, including a bases-loaded walk.

Belle improved to 6-for-16 with two homers and 10 RBIs in four games against his former team.

American League				National League				
East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB	East Division	W	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	38	15	.717	-	Atlanta	38	.697	-
New York	31	27	.534	9 1/2	Florida	33	.589	4 1/2
Toronto	26	28	.481	12 1/2	Pittsburgh	28	.491	9 1/2
Detroit	26	29	.473	13	St. Louis	26	.484	11 1/2
Boston	22	33	.400	17	Chicago	24	.421	14 1/2
Central Division					Philadelphia	19	.339	18 1/2
Milwaukee	28	26	.519	-	Central Division			
Cleveland	27	26	.508	1/2	Houston	29	.500	-
Chicago	26	29	.473	2 1/2	Pittsburgh	28	.491	1/2
Kansas City	25	29	.463	3	St. Louis	26	.484	2
Minnesota	25	32	.439	4 1/2	Chicago	24	.421	4 1/2
West Division					Cincinnati	21	.368	7 1/2
Milwaukee	30	25	.545	-	West Division			
Anaheim	29	26	.527	1	San Francisco	32	.571	-
Seattle	30	27	.526	1	Colorado	31	.544	1 1/2
Oakland	24	35	.407	8	Los Angeles	28	.500	4
					San Diego	26	.464	8

Wednesday's AL results: Milwaukee 13, Boston 11; Chicago 9, Cleveland 4; Baltimore 9, NY 7; Anaheim 7, Kansas City 3; Only games scheduled. Wednesday's NL results: Houston 5, Cincinnati 3; Chicago 5, Philadelphia 1; Atlanta 6, Montreal 3; Florida 5, NY 2; St. Louis 16, Pittsburgh 0; San Diego 7, Colorado 5; Los Angeles 5, San Francisco 1.

